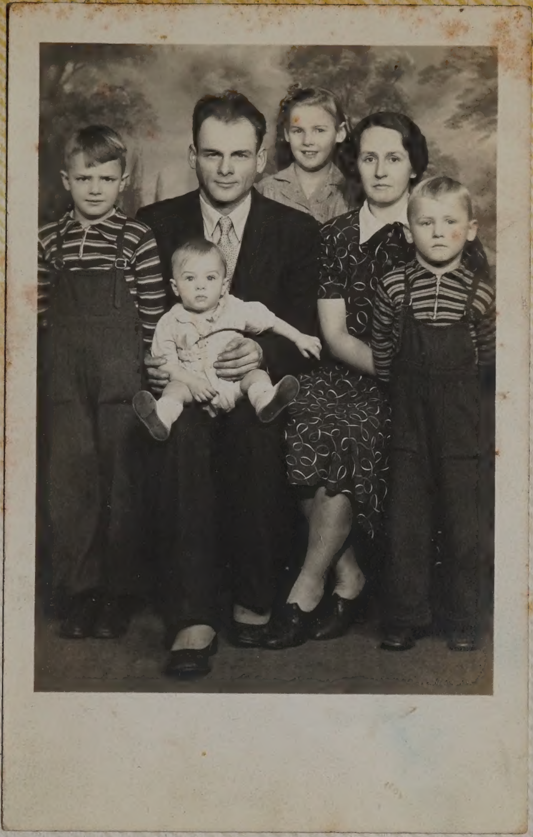

Gene, Mearl, Gordon,
Phyllis, Lucille, Rex
Davis

MEARL C. DAVIS

BORN
January 24, 1909
Paulding Co., Ohio

DIED
May 1, 1981
Kalamazoo, Michigan

FUNERAL SERVICES
2:00 PM - May 3, 1981

CLERGYMEN
Rev. Stephen Beach
Rev. Tom Peters

INTERMENT
Frontier Cemetery
Frontier, Michigan

ARRANGEMENTS BY
St John-White Funeral Home

Mearl C. Davis

READING, Mich. — Mearl C. Davis, 72, of Montgomery, Mich., died Friday morning, May 1, 1981, in the Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The son of Laura (Girod) and Rolla Davis, he was born Jan. 24, 1909 in Paulding County.

A retired farmer and retired employee of the Aro Corp., he previously resided in Paulding County and Grover Hill. Mr. Davis was a member of the Camden, Mich. United Methodist Church.

On March 18, 1931 he married Lucille Armour, and she survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Donald (Phyllis) Doster of New Haven, Ind., Mrs. Terry (Norma) Kuster of Montgomery, Mich., and Mrs. Steven (Connie) Tressler of Bryan; four sons, Gene of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Rex of Grover Hill, Gordon of Montgomery, Mich., and Bill of Jerome, Mich.; two sisters, Miss Essie Davis of Montgomery, Mich., and Mrs. Nellie Ferris of Grover Hill; two brothers, Lewis of Bryan and Glenn of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; 26 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Two sons and a brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Camden, Mich. United Methodist Church with Rev. Stephen Beach and Rev. Tom Peters officiating. Interment will be in Frontier Cemetery in Hillsdale County, Mich.

Friends may call anytime in the St. John-White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich. The family will be on hand to receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

Luculle and Mearl Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Mearl C. Davis, Montgomery, Mich., will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with open house receptions from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Lions Club at Grover Hill, Ohio, and from 3 to 5 p.m. March 15 at Camden Methodist Church, Camden, Mich.

They have three daughters, Phyllis Doster of New Haven, Norma Kuster of Montgomery, Mich., and Connie Tressler of Bryan, Ohio, and four sons, Donald (Gene) of Mount Pleasant, Mich., Roland (Rex) of Grover Hill, Ohio, William (Bill) of Jerome, Mich., and Gordon of Montgomery. Two other sons, Jimmy and Marvin, are deceased. Davis is retired from Aro in Bryan, Ohio. Mrs. Davis was a cook for the Frontier in Camden, Mich., before her retirement.

Bryan

LUCILE DAVIS, 84, died Friday at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born in Paulding County, Ohio, she lived in the Camden, Mich., area most of her life. She was a retired cook from Camden-Frontier Schools, Camden, Mich. Her husband, Mearl G., died in 1981. Surviving are three daughters, Connie Tressler of Bryan, Norma Kuster of Montgomery, Mich., and Phyllis Doster of New Haven, Ind.; four sons, Gene of Mount Pleasant, Mich., Rex of Grover Hill, Gordon of Coldwater, Mich., and Bill of Jerome, Mich.; a sister, Louise Leeth of Springfield; 30 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren. **Services at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Camden United Methodist Church, Camden, Mich. Calling from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at St.John-White Funeral Home, Reading, Mich.** Burial in Frontier Cemetery, Hillsdale County, Mich. Memorials to Camden and Montgomery United Methodist Churches or donor's choice.

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1- John Dukes and Mary Haddox
2-1 Lydia Dukes and Ishmael Davis
3-6 Isaac Newton Davis and Martha Blackburn
4-4 Lewis Davis and Catherine Hoskinson
5-5 Rolla L. Davis and Laura Delana Girod

6-4 Mearl Connie Davis

1909 January 24 Latty Twp., Paulding County, OH

1981 May 1 Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, MI stroke
burial: Frontier, MI

Lucile Laura Armour ★ 1931 March 18 Paulding Co., OH

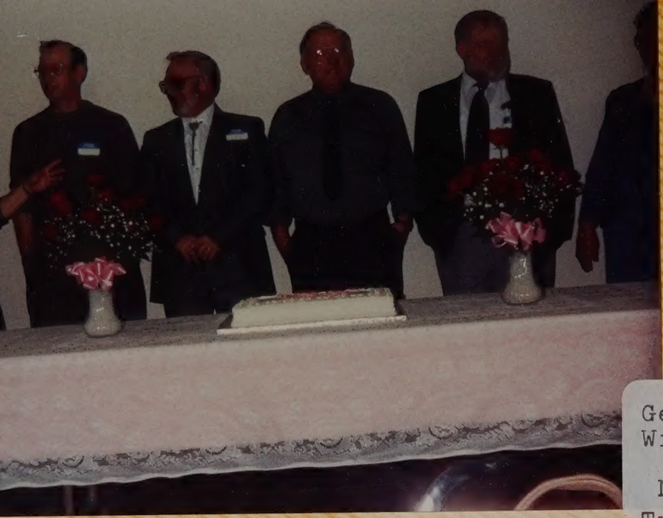
1910 March 15

1994 December 2, Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN

7-1	Phyllis Louise Davis	1931 September 24
7-2	Donald Eugene Davis	1933 September 12
7-3	Roland Rex Davis	1936 February 20
7-4	Gordon Ray Davis	1940 January 28
7-5	William Stewart Davis	1942 February 19
7-6	Norma Marie Davis	1944 March 29
7-7	Jimmy Joe Davis	1945 June 24
7-8	Connie Lucille Davis	1948 August 1
7-9	Marvin Mearl Davis	1954 March 30

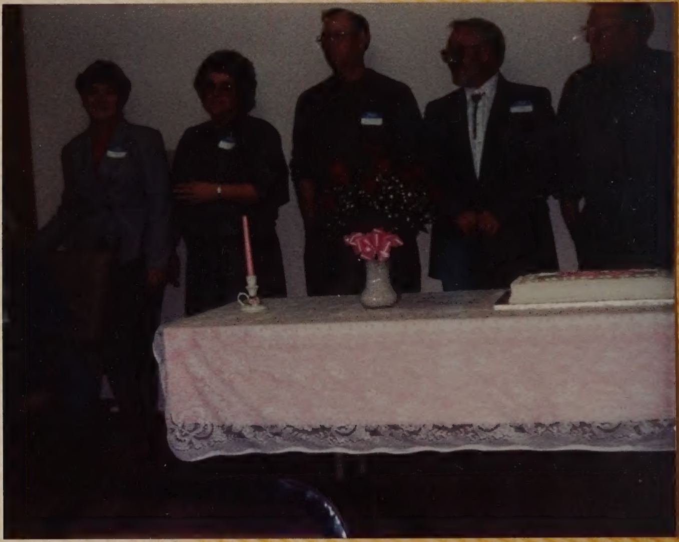
Lucille Laura Armour Davis
80 years - 1990 March

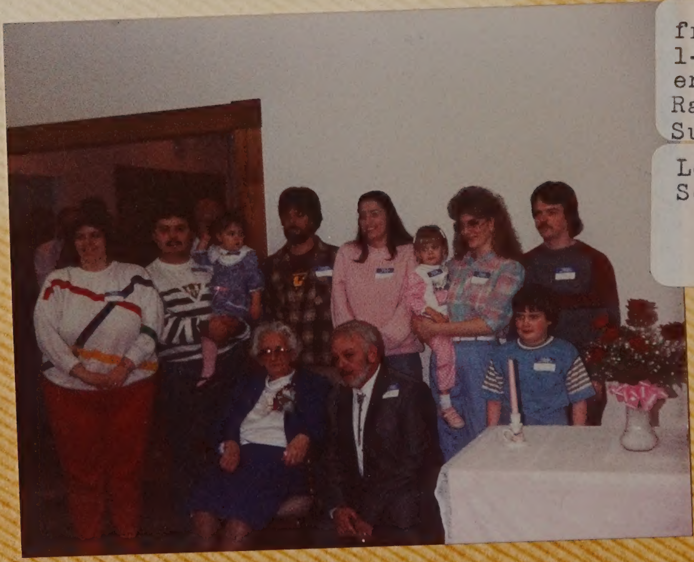
Phyllis Doster; Gene,
Rex; Gordon Davis



Gene, Rex, Gordon,
William Davis

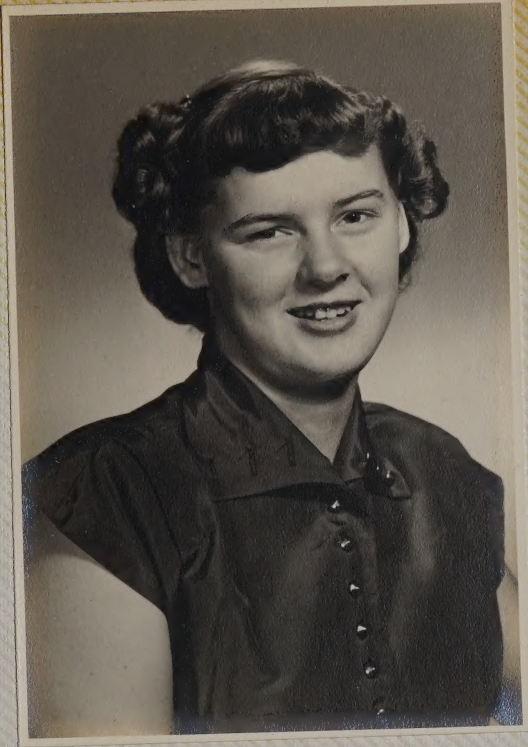
Norma Kuster; Connie
Tressler



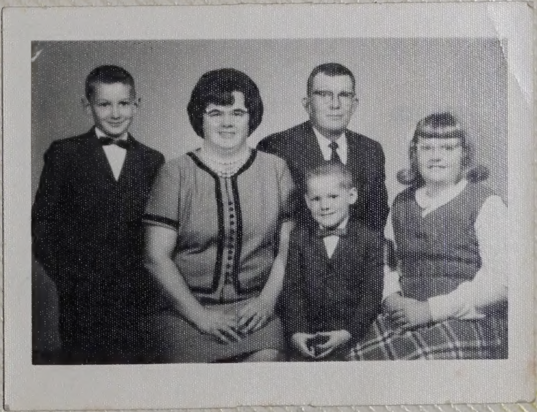


front: Lucille & Gordon
l-r: Colisa, Tom Carpenter; Cassie Ann;
Randall Eugene; Tammy
Sue; Holly Renee;

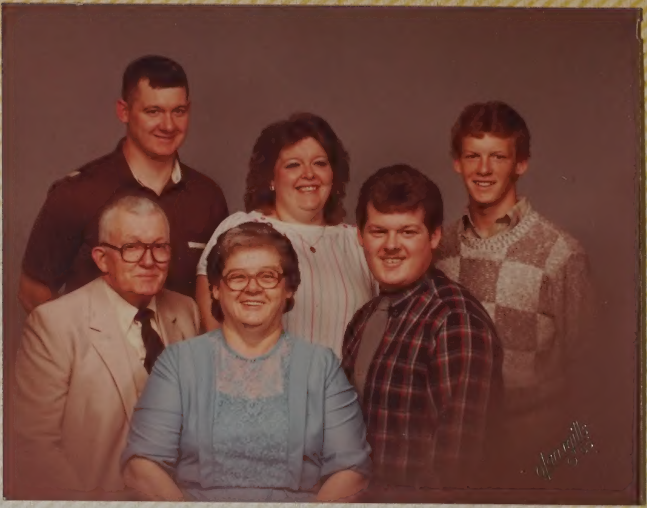
Lois Marie; Matthew
Scott; William Forest



Phyllis Davis

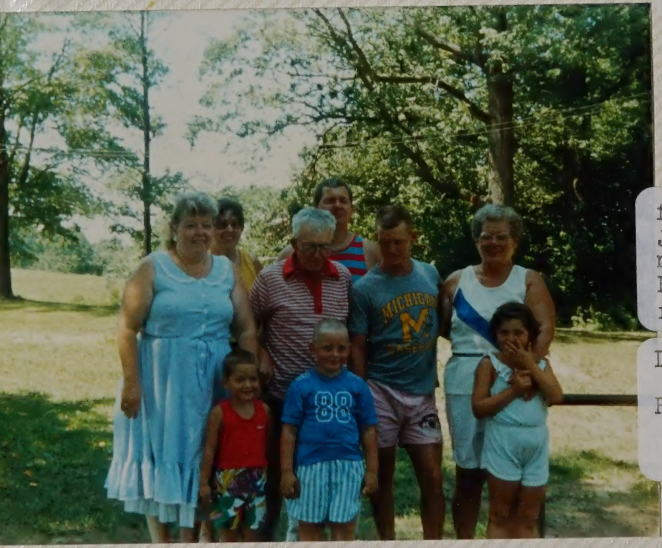


Mearl, Phyllis, Don,
Frank & Susan
Doster



The Doster Family

Mearl, Susan, David
Don, Phyllis, Franklin



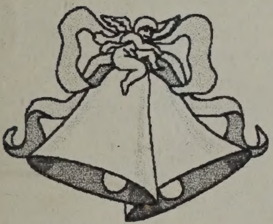
front: JJ, Travis &
Jamie Doster
mid: Sue, Don, David &
Phyllis Doster
rear: Mary Jo & Mearl

Doster:

Reunion August

DONALD & PHYLLIS DOSTER
ARE
CELEBRATING THEIR 50th!
on July 3rd

Sue, Mearl, Frank, David
& their Families
request your presence at
an Open House
on Saturday July 14th
@ The Woodburn United Methodist Church
Woodburn, In
2:00 pm -5:00 pm
(Indiana time)



Don & Phyllis will be renewing their vows
at 2:30 pm.

Please Rsvp by July 1st to
219-749-7281 (after 6 pm)
If you are unable to attend, & would like to
send wishes, please mail to:
Sue Doster-Lawton
6008 Moeller Rd #15
Fort Wayne, In 46806

ME DOSTER-LAWTON
08 MOELLER RD. #15
RT WAYNE, IN 46806

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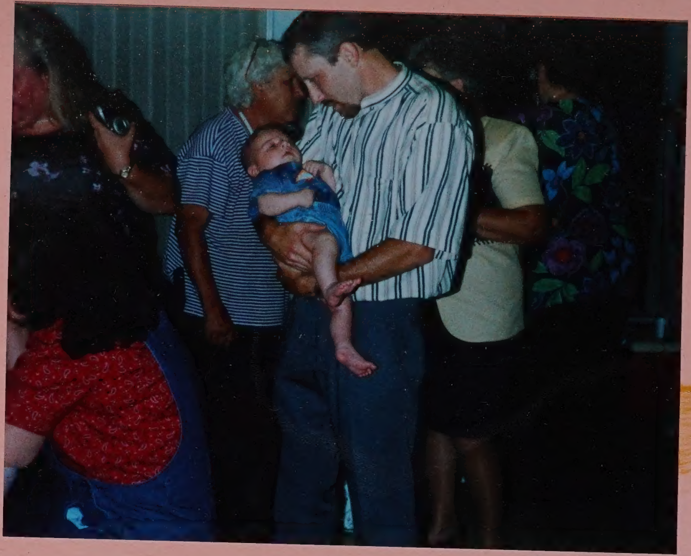

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1931 September 24 Latty Twp., Paulding Co, OH

★ 1951 July 3 Paulding Co, OH

Donald Eugene Doster

1931 July 3

★ Army
Korea War

8-1	Susan Louise Doster	1954 October 19
8-2	Mearl Lee Doster	1956 August 5
8-3	Franklin Eugene Doster	1961 June 25
8-4	David Eric Doster	1970 October 8

Don & Phyllis Doster
Darrel Lawton & Sue
Doster & Travis Doster
1 August 1999

Phyllis L. and Donald E. Doster

THE DOSTERS – Donald E. and Phyllis L. (Davis) Doster, New Haven, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Woodburn United Methodist Church, 4300 Becker Road, Woodburn.

The couple has one daughter, Susan L. Lawton of Fort Wayne, and three sons, Mearl L. and Franklin E., both of Fort Wayne, and David E., of Yokahama, Japan.

Phyllis Doster is a homemaker. Donald Doster is a retired Norfolk and Southern Railroad employee with 42 years of service.

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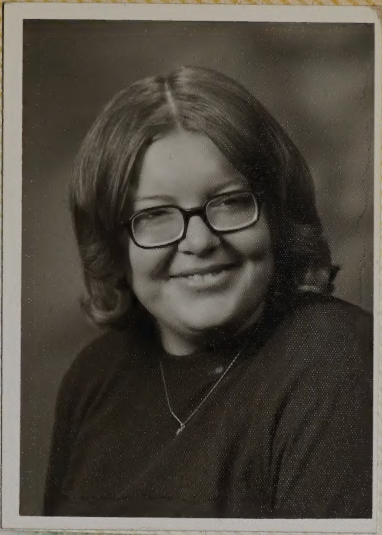
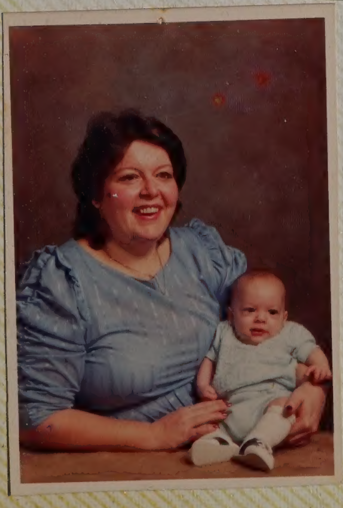
Susan Doster





Sue and Travis

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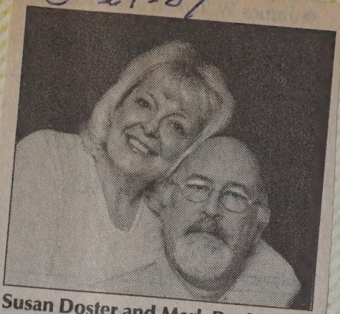

Susan Doster and Mark Renbarger

Susan Doster and Mark Renbarger have set Aug. 11 as their wedding date. Their parents are Donald E. and Phyllis Doster of New Haven, and Betty Renbarger of Michigan City and the late John Renbarger. The bride-to-be attended IPFW. She is employed in patient financial services at Lutheran Health Network. Her fiancé is a service dispatcher at KMH Systems.

DOSTER-LAWTON – Susan L. Doster and Darrell B. Lawton, both of Fort Wayne, are planning a wedding Oct. 16 at United Methodist Church, Woodburn.

Their parents are Donald and Phyllis Doster, New Haven; and Shelvy Lawton, Warren, Pa., and the late Norman Lawton.

The bride-elect graduated from Indiana-Purdue, Fort Wayne, and is employed by Aetna US Healthcare.

Her fiance graduated from Mercyhurst College and is employed by Trinity Wholesale.

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Soldier's name: Travis Doster
Hometown: New Haven
Military branch: Army
Rank: Private first class
Where he or she is serving: Iraq

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Travis Doster

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1- John Dukes and Mary Haddox
2-1 Lydia Dukes and Ishmael Davis
3-6 Isaac Newton Davis and Martha Blackburn
4-4 Lewis Davis and Catherine Hoskinson
5-5 Rolla L. Davis and Laura Delana Girod
6-4 Mearl Connie Davis and Lucille Laura Armour
7-1 Phyllis Louise Davis and Donald Eugene Doster

8-1 Susan Louise Doster

1954 October 19 Paulding County, OH Latty Twp.

m. Darrell Lawton

1999 October 16
Woodburn, IN Methodist Church
Divorced - 2002

9-1 Travis Lee Doster 1983 December 18

Joseph W. federspeil

Susan

With joyful hearts
we ask you to be present
at the ceremony uniting
Susan Doster
and
Darrell Lawton
on Saturday, the sixteenth of October
Nineteen hundred ninety-nine
at three-thirty in the afternoon
Woodburn United Methodist Church
4300 Becker Road
Woodburn, Indiana

Reception following Ceremony
Woodburn Community Center
Woodburn, Indiana

Darrell

The Celebration of Marriage
SUSAN L. DOSTER
&
DARRELL B. LAWTON
OCTOBER 16TH, 1999 @ 3:30 PM
WOODBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Prelude...David & Sarah McDaniel

Processional..............................."Trumpet Voluntary in D Major"
Adam McDaniel
"Wedding March"
Sarah McDaniel

Greeting

Declaration of Intention

The Scripture Reading- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 , I Corinthians 13: 4-7

" Just You and I ".........................David & Sarah McDaniel

The Exchange of Vows

Presentation of the Rings

Groom's Tribute to the Bride

Presentation of Family Medallion

Lighting of the Unity Candle............"When Two become One"
David & Sarah McDaniel

The Blessing

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

Presentation of the Bride & Groom

Recessional

THE WEDDING PARTY:

Escorts of the Bride:
Travis Doster..................................Son of the Bride
Donald Doster..............................Father of the Bride
Attendants:
Joanne Bradtmueller......................Friend of Bride & Groom
Teresa Troup.................................Friend of Bride & Groom
Marianne Turner..........................Friend of Bride & Groom
Teresa Yoder..................................Friend of Bride & Groom
Flower Girls:
Jenna Hamrick..............................Friend of Bride & Groom
** Andrea Adams..............................Friend of Bride & Groom
Groomsmen:
Brad Bradtmueller.........................Friend of Bride & Groom
Nick Gram.......................................Friend of Bride & Groom
Frank Doster..................................Brother of Bride
Andrew Gram.................................Friend of Bride & Groom
Ring bearers:
Owen Doster...................................Nephew of Bride
** Dane Adams.................................Friend of Bride & Groom
Ushers:
David Doster...................................Brother of Bride
Mearl Doster...................................Brother of Bride
Guest Registers:
Jessica Doster.................................Niece of Bride
Jami Doster....................................Niece of Bride

***I made a promise with Andi when she was 5 years old that when I got married, she could be my Flower Girl. After 18 years, I still kept my word. Thank you, Andi !

Vocalist:
David McDdniel
Sarah McDaniel
Debbie McDaniel
Trumpet:
Adam Mc Daniel
Officiants:
Reverend Steve Burris
Reverend Tom Bowman

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Our Home Address:
Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Lawton
6008 Moeller Rd #15
Fort Wayne, In 46806
219-749-7281

We would like to take this opportunity to Thank everyone who helped in any way.. Your love and sharing made this all possible.

We would like to say a "Special Thank You" to Mom for the love & support she has given us from the Beginning. We love you very much....

Also to Cheryl Shrader & Cyndi Keller, we THANK YOU for preparing the food and offering ideas.

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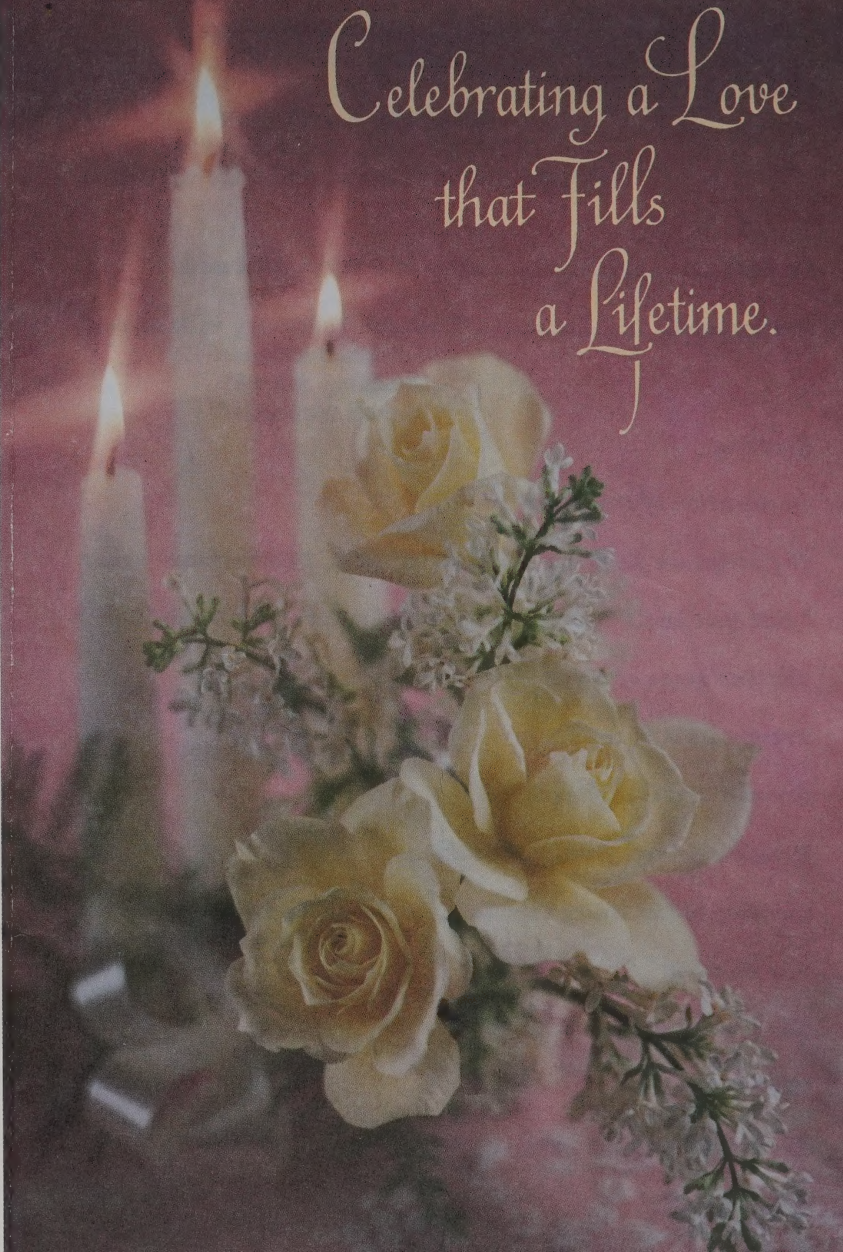

Susan Doster/Darrell Lawton Wedding

Susan Doster/Darrel
Wedding Susan
Darrell, Phyllis, Susan
Don
Kaitlin Rieke

David & Owen Doster

David & Kimberly
Doster

Mearl Doster

Mearl and wife
Mary

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Jami & Jerimah Doster

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1- John Dukes and Mary Haddox
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7-1 Phyllis Louise Davis and Donald Eugene Doster

8-2 Mearl Lee Doster Marine Corp ★

1956 August 5

Mary Jo Scherschel 1979 May 25 St. John Catholic Church, New Haven, IN

1956 September 22

9-1 Jami Lyn Doster 1981 July 29 Californa

9-2 Jeremiah James Doster 1982 May 9 Michigan

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Franklin & Charlene
Joshua & Jessica
Doster

Frank holding Jordan
Joshua - Jessica
Doster
August 1986

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Wise-Doster

Charlene Monice Wise and Franklin Eugene Doster, both of New Haven, are planning a 4 p.m. June 26, 1982, wedding at Lakeside Rose Garden. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wise, New Haven, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Doster, New Haven.

The bride-elect graduated from New Haven High School. She is a student.

Her fiance, a graduate of New Haven High School, is employed in the Signal and Communications Department of Norfolk & Western Railway.

Charlene Wise

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1-	John Dukes and Mary Haddox
2-1	Lydia Dukes and Ishmael Davis
3-6	Isaac Newton Davis and Martha Blackburn
4-4	Lewis Davis and Catherine Hoskinson
5-5	Rolla L. Davis and Laura Delana Girod
6-4	Mearl Connie Davis and Lucille Laura Armour
7-1	Phyllis Louise Davis and Donald Eugene Doster

8-3 Franklin Eugene Doster diabetes

1961 June 25

Charlene Monice Wise	1982 June 26 1986 August 4 div
Teresa Benta Potts 1971 July 10	1996 March 15 2006 March div

9-1	Joshua Eugene Doster	1983 February 7
9-2	Jessica Monice Doster	1984 April 15
9-3	Jordan Hugh Doster	1986 May 24

1-1	John Dukes and Mary Haddox
2-1	Lydia Dukes and Ishmael Davis
3-6	Isaac Newton Davis and Martha Blac
4-4	Lewis Davis and Catherine Hoskinson
5-5	Rolla L. Davis and Laura DeLana Girod
6-4	Mearl Connie Davis and Lucille Laura Armour
7-1	Phyllis Louise Davis and Donald Eugene Doster
8-3	Franklin Eugene Doster and Charlene Monice Wise

9-2 Jessica Monice Doster

1984 April 15

10-1Dylon Everett Ray	2004 September 2
10-2 Isiah James Glass	2006 October 17

David Doster

Sophomore Dave Doster will be the Bulldogs starting pitcher in Saturday semifinal baseball sectional action.

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Kimberly Rae Doudt
David Eric Doster

DOUDT-DOSTER — Kimberly Rae Doudt and David Eric Doster, both of New Haven, are planning a wedding Dec. 17 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven. Their parents are Cinda L. Doudt, New Haven, and Roger L. Doudt, Indianapolis; and Donald and Phyllis Doster, New Haven. The bride-elect graduated from New Haven High School. She is employed at Kirkland's and is a nanny. Her fiance, an ndiana State University graduate, is employed by the Philadelphia Phillies and Scott's Food Stores Inc.

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Mrs. Cinda L. Doudt
and
Mr. Roger L. Doudt
invite you to share in the joy of
the marriage uniting their daughter
Kimberly Rae
to
David Eric Doster
son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Doster
This celebration of love will be
Saturday, the seventeenth of December
nineteen hundred and ninety-four
at five-thirty in the afternoon
Emanuel Lutheran Church
800 Green Street
New Haven, Indiana

Officiating Minister

Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker...Pastor

Music

Ruth Tryznka...Organist
Debbie McDaniel...Soloist

We would like to thank each of you for sharing our Wedding Day. A special thanks to our family and friends who have been a constant source of love and understanding, for without you this day would not be possible. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we begin our new life together.

We cannot light the whole world,
But we can do a part.
For as we share our light of love,
We light another's heart.
And as each person in return
Begins to share this light,
We'll see our little flame has grown
Beautiful and bright.

God bless each of you.

Kim & Dave

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"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."
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The Marriage Service of

Kimberly Rae Doudt
and
David Eric Doster

Saturday, December 17, 1994, 5:30 p.m.
Emanuel Lutheran Church, New Haven, Indiana

Pre-Service

"Walk Hand in Hand"	Johnny Cowell
"My Treasure"	Scott Wesley Brown
"Household of Faith"	Brent Lamb

Ringing of Emanuel's Bells

Processional

"Canon in D"	Johan Pachelbel
"Trumpet Voluntary in D Major"	Henry Purcell

The Invocation

Scripture Readings

Matthew 19:4-6
I Corinthians 13:4-8

Wedding Message

Marriage Rite

Parental Consent
Mutual Consent
Exchange of Vows
Exchange of Rings
Pronouncement of Marriage
Blessings of Marriage

Lighting of the Unity Candle

"When Two Become One"	Melody J. Dyer

As the service began, three candles stood before us in the chancel. The two outer candles were lit. They represent two individuals, Kim and Dave. The light burning at the top of the candles represents the presence of God in their lives, who has dwelt in them since their Baptisms. Kim and Dave will join together to light the center candle, symbolizing the scriptural picture of two becoming one. The light which burns at the top of the center candle represents the presence of God, who promises to be a part of their life together.

The Prayers

"The Lord's Prayer"	Albert Hay Malotte

The Benediction

Recessional

"Trumpet Tune Duet"	Jeremiah Clarke

The Bride and Groom will dismiss the guests.

The Wedding Party

Parents

Cinda Doudt	Mother of Bride
Roger Doudt	Father of Bride
Don & Phyllis Doster	Parents of Groom

Matron of Honor

Carrie Charnstrom	Friend of Bride

Bridesmaids

Dawn Page	Friend of Bride
Jenny Grabill	Friend of Bride
Mindy Walker	Friend of Bride
Stacy Bourff	Friend of Bride
Tiffany Rhoads	Cousin of Bride
Sue Doster	Sister of Groom
Angie Graham	Friend of Bride
Nicole Peterson	Friend of Bride

Junior Bridesmaids

Jami Doster	Niece of Groom
Katey Greulich	Friend of Bride
Jessica Doster	Niece of Groom

Flower Girl

Jessica Greulich	Friend of Bride

Best Man

Dan Frye	Friend of Groom

Groomsmen

Mearl Doster	Brother of Groom
Frank Doster	Brother of Groom
Craig Henry	Friend of Groom
Steven Doudt	Brother of Bride
Brandon Martin	Friend of Groom
Cale Campbell	Friend of Groom
Randy Keaffaber	Friend of Groom
Dee Dowler	Friend of Groom

Head Usher

Phillip Rhoads, III	Cousin of Bride

Ring Bearer

Kyle Bischoff	Friend of Couple

Page Boys

Kreigh Bourff	Friend of Bride
Evan Bourff	Friend of Bride

Greeters/Servers

Kathy Emerick	Friend of Bride
Wendy Greenburg	Friend of Bride
Janelle Smith	Friend of Bride

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8-4 David Eric Doster Phillies BB

1970 October 8

Kimberly Rae Doudt 1994 December 17

1972 March 8

9-1 Owen David Doster 1997 July 26 6 lb 8 oz.
Scranton, PA 18"

9-2 Ava Justine Doster 2003 March 28 Fort Wayne, In
6# 10 oz
20 "

Dave Doster
Canton, Oh

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KUTZTOWN, PA.

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WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 2, 1996

New Haven kid gets sweet taste of The Show

Steve Warden
Out of Bounds

For the most part, the blue S10 Chevy pickup, the one with the Pennsylvania license plate, is clean inside. Except for an empty pop can, and the wooden baseball bat leaning against the passenger side door, and the couple of pictures Dave Doster pulls out to show around.

In one photo, he's sitting in an airplane, dressed up like a baby. That was one of the hazings that the rookies had to do. So there's Doster, sitting in his aisle seat, holding a pacifier and wearing a bonnet while the Philadelphia Phillies veterans around him are obviously enjoying the show.

But then there's the other picture. It's of Doster, wearing the snowy home whites inside Veterans Stadium, a step off second base, his face determined, wheeling a double-play throw over to an unseen first baseman.

The New Haven kid, the kid who lived and breathed the game from the time he could pick up a stick and knock out a couple of windows in his old Meadowbrook addition, has seen Baseball Heaven. Doster, Class of '89, has been a major-leaguer.

"Faster than I thought," said Doster, who is back home for the off-season. "I expected a September call-up, and that was to be it for this year. I've been playing (including the minors) only three years, and I've got almost 60 days in the big leagues. So yeah, it happened faster than I thought."

But that's the way it's been for Doster this season. First he's called up in the middle of June from the Class AAA team in Scranton, meets his Phillies teammates in Colorado, and cracks an RBI single in his first at-bat. Then he goes back to Philly, and, in front of the home folks for the first time, knocks a bottom-of-the-10th, game-winning home run over the wall.

"This is easy," he says to himself.

Not for long. Regular second baseman Mickey Morandini comes back from the shoulder injury that brought Doster up in the first place, and the New Haven kid is back in Scranton as quick as he can say . . . well . . . Mickey Morandini.

Now comes the end of the Class AAA season, and Doster and his wife Kim are headed back to Indiana. He's in the pickup. She's in her car. And Doster's father-in-law has his van loaded with the U-Haul close behind. "We had a little caravan goin' there," Doster says.

On his way through Philadelphia, Doster is listening to the Phillies game when he hears that third baseman Scott Rolland gets hit in the arm with a pitch. Too bad. Yet the three vehicles keep going west, so far away from Philadelphia that he can't hear the game anymore.

A couple of hours later, Doster is going through Harrisburg, and can get the Philadelphia game on the local outlet. Now it's the eighth inning.

The update on Rolland is a broken forearm. The other backup is injured, as well. Intently, Doster is listening to Phillies play-by-play announcer Harry Callas give the injury update.

"Lee Thomas (the Phillies' general manager) just came in and said that he's calling up Doster," Callas said over the Phillies network. "So Dave, if you're listening, turn around and come back. We need you. This is not a joke."

Moments later, the caravan is pulled over on I-76, with Doster rooting through his belongings, trying to

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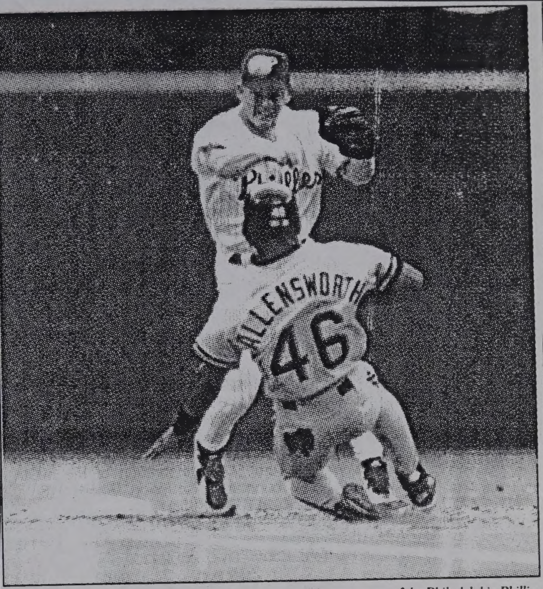

Photo courtesy of the Philadelphia Phillies

New Haven native Dave Doster throws to first base to complete a double play earlier this season against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

WARDEN:

New Haven kid gets taste of The Show

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find his equipment, trying to find enough clothes that will take him through the end of the season.

"I took one suit and some other stuff," he said. "I got off on one exit, paid my toll, got another ticket and came back."

Another couple of weeks in the bigs, another couple of at-bats. A double in New York. Easy.

"Realistically, I'll be back in Scranton next year unless I get traded or somebody else gets traded in the off-season," Doster said.

The lights of the major leagues are still in his eyes as he says, "It's amazing these guys get paid for something that we used to run home from school to do for fun."

Run home. Home run. It's all the same for the New Haven kid. Easy.

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Bigs reality may cost him new hot tub

An orthopaedics clinic. Now, *this* was strange.

This was Dave Doster on the last day of the most amazing year of his life, appearing suddenly behind a podium in one corner of the – yes – Orthopaedics Northeast waiting room. A television, tuned to some forgettable talk show, played mutely over his left shoulder. Every once in a while a nurse darted past, holding someone's chart.

''Mr. -------?'' she'd call, scanning the room.

And here was Dave Doster: talking about a baseball camp, about kids, about an entire hale life as torn ligaments and shredded cartilage limped slowly into the doctor's office. Strange way to spend the last hours of 1996, strange place to stand with your career glowing so rosily . . .

But, hey. Wasn't that perfect, in a way? Wasn't this the most absolutely appropriate way to end such a bizarre, marvelous year?

Ben Smith

It began with Dave Doster, 26, reporting for duty as a Triple A second-baseman in the Phillies system, and ended with him going 4 for 9 against the Mets in the last two games of the season. It ended with Doster – a New Haven kid who once promised his sister-in-law a hot tub if he made the bigs – playing in the, well, bigs.

''And now,'' he says, ''she's waiting for her hot tub.''

He chuckles. This is so odd, him talking like this. He made that promise to his sister-in-law when he was maybe 6-years-old, and didn't know anything except that there was something special between him and baseball. The rest was just talk, just dreams. It was every kid in America who ever shagged flies or kissed a Rawlings right on the sweet spot.

And now he's doing it with the Phillies, in the bigs. He filled in at second for two weeks when Mickey Morandini went down last June, then came up again for good in September. Now he hears the Phillies are angling to deal Morandini to the Yankees, and maybe grooming Doster as a backup second baseman.

Him. Dave Doster. What a turn of events, in a strange, wonderful year.

''I really thought I was gonna spend the season in Triple A,'' says Doster, who'll appear this week at the 1997 All-Star Holiday Baseball Camp, which begins Thursday at Homestead. ''I was expecting a September call-up. And then the night before I got called up, I struck out four times.''

So when the phone rang that June day, Doster figured he was either being sent home, or sent down. Instead, it was Del Unser, the director of player development for the Phillies, telling him that Morandini was down and they needed Doster in Colorado pronto.

''Come on,'' Doster responded. ''Who is this?''

Unser assured him it was, indeed, he. And so Doster put down the phone, scampered to the mall to buy a tie to wear on the plane to Colorado, all the while trying in vain to find someone to tell this amazing news.

''My wife wasn't home, she was at the pool with some of the other wives,'' he recalls. ''And I couldn't get hold of my mom and dad. So here I've got the greatest news in the world, and I can't tell anybody.''

Eventually, of course, everybody found out. Doster was up for three weeks, then came back down. In September he was listening to the radio on the drive home, when a Phillies official said their third baseman was down this time, and if Doster was listening they needed him to come back.

So back he went, for one more month. He went 4 for 9 in New York and then the season ended and then he was here, in the waiting room of an orthopaedics clinic, being introduced as a participant in a local baseball camp as '96 faded and '97 beckoned fetchingly.

Strange place, strange time, strange, wonderful turn of events.

But Doster is used to this, by now. Once he was a 6-year-old for whom baseball seemed to come as naturally as breathing. He was a high-school star, a college star. He was a rookie sweating out his days in Single A Spartanburg, S.C., another strange, wonderful place.

''That's minor-league baseball,'' Doster recalls. ''It was hot. It wasn't very big. We were staying four guys to an apartment, sometimes five. You'd pay 100 bucks for rent a month, and I was making like 300-some dollars every two weeks.''

He smiles.

''But I was getting a paycheck to play baseball. That's something you play for your whole life.''

His whole life. It began with a kid's promise to buy his sister-in-law a hot tub, and now here he was, standing in the waiting room of an orthopaedics clinic with his marker due and his career the very picture of robust health.

''I've always been tabbed as a lower-round pick that was just gonna fill in wherever they needed somebody,'' Dave Doster tells you, here on the cusp of the new year. ''And I think I surprised a lot of people, including myself.

''The hard work pays. I speak to a lot of kids, and if they can get that out of it . . . I tell them nobody ever thought I'd make it except me and my family. And just through hard work, I've got to the point where I have a big-league shot.''

Strange turn of events. Strange, wonderful year.

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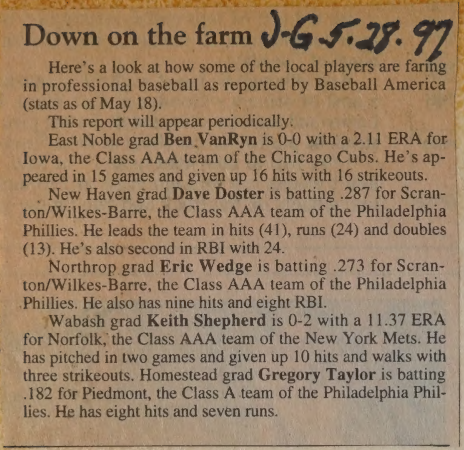

Down on the farm

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Here's a look at how some of the local players are faring in professional baseball as reported by Baseball America (stats as of May 18).

This report will appear periodically.

East Noble grad **Ben VanRyn** is 0-0 with a 2.11 ERA for Iowa, the Class AAA team of the Chicago Cubs. He's appeared in 15 games and given up 16 hits with 16 strikeouts.

New Haven grad **Dave Doster** is batting .287 for Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, the Class AAA team of the Philadelphia Phillies. He leads the team in hits (41), runs (24) and doubles (13). He's also second in RBI with 24.

Northrop grad **Eric Wedge** is batting .273 for Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, the Class AAA team of the Philadelphia Phillies. He also has nine hits and eight RBI.

Wabash grad **Keith Shepherd** is 0-2 with a 11.37 ERA for Norfolk, the Class AAA team of the New York Mets. He has pitched in two games and given up 10 hits and walks with three strikeouts. Homestead grad **Gregory Taylor** is batting .182 for Piedmont, the Class A team of the Philadelphia Phillies. He has eight hits and seven runs.

Doster finds second wind with Phillies

New Haven native sticks with team in utility role

By Monica Hare
The Journal Gazette

CHICAGO – ''Hey, Mr. Doster!''

''Dave Doster, over here!''

''Mr. Doster, there's some Phillies fans over here!''

Two hours before an afternoon game between the Chicago Cubs and the visiting Philadelphia Phillies last month, a clutch of young boys crowded near the visitors dugout at Wrigley Field, calling out to the players.

''Mr. Doster, can you sign this for me?''

Doster, a Philadelphia infielder, smiled and waved to the earnest kids, who responded with cheers and eager pleading.

''It's fun to see them smile,'' said Doster, a native of New Haven. ''Just signing something for them brings a smile to their face. That's great. It was funny at first, being called Mr. Doster.''

Doster

Forgive Mr. Doster if he's still a bit overwhelmed by the throng of fans who know who he is without having to check a roster. Doster, 28, is just a few months into his first full major-league season.

Philadelphia selected him in the 27th round of the 1993 free-agent draft out of In-

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diana State University. Doster worked quickly through the minors and was called up for the latter half of the 1996 season.

He hit his first major-league home run a week after being called up, a game-winning shot that lifted the Phillies over Colorado.

But the Phillies wanted Doster, a second baseman, to become a utility infielder. They sent him back down and he spent the next two years at AAA Scranton Wilkes-Barre.

''For two years he had gone through Triple-A and been kind of left out of our plans,'' Phillies manager Terry Francona said. ''He kept plugging away and plugging away, and finally was rewarded for it.

''I tell the players that some things aren't always fair. But it's not always supposed to be fair, but it's just the way it works.''

Doster was disappointed, but didn't lose hope.

''I don't think I ever thought I wasn't going to make it back,'' Doster said, ''it was just a matter of when it was going to happen. I was putting up good numbers over the last couple of years in Triple-A.

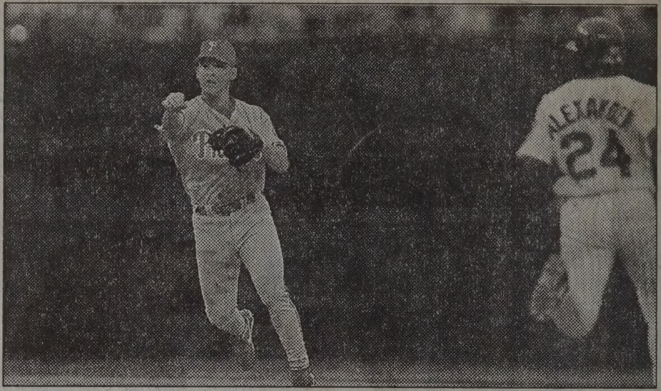
''It was just one of those things where you have to put your time in just like any other job and wait your turn.''

Francona had the pleasure of rewarding Doster for his patience. On the final day of the Phillies' spring training in April, Francona called Doster into his office.

''It was down to me and this outfielder, who was going to make the team,'' Doster said. ''Francona tried to make a joke and tell me I didn't make the team, then he told me I did.''

Francona remembers the story differently.

''I got a little emotional,'' Francona said. ''I had to sit the bench as a player, so I feel a little understanding of their life. I was trying to mess with him a little, but I couldn't. Then I got emotional. I was just very happy for him.



Associated Press

Dave Doster of the Philadelphia Phillies throws to first after forcing out Manny Alexander of the Cubs at second last week in Chicago.

''You know, he got left out of the equation two years in a row, and when that happens, I'm the one that has to tell him and it's not fun,'' Francona said. ''So I got to give him some good news this time. It was nice for me.''

Doster said hearing he made the team was a relief.

''It was like a big weight off my shoulders,'' he said. ''It was a great feeling to make the team out of spring training. We were getting down to the last few days of spring training, and my wife and son are there and we have no idea where we're going.''

Doster moved his family to the outskirts of Philadelphia. He said people there follow the team closely and ''like to boo if the team's not winning.

''But we've been winning a lot,'' he said, grinning.

Doster isn't a regular starter, but he said he accepts his role.

''I get to play a lot of late defense in the game, and I usually get to start against left-handed pitchers,'' he said. ''Obviously as a bench player, everybody wants to play more, but this is a good group of guys who have come off the bench. I think our bench is the second-leading hitting bench in the league.''

Doster has played in 47 games with the Phillies. He's batting .294 (10 for 34) with three homers, but his best statistic is a 0, as in 0 errors.

''He might not be playing as much as he would like, but he goes in to play defense just about every time we're winning, so he's got a pretty important job on the ball club,'' Francona said. ''That's a lot of responsibility, and he's been very good at what he does. For a young guy, that's not that easy to do.

''He's been very reliable, and he's been a model citizen, our whole bench has.''

Spending two years in the minors improved his skills, Doster said.

''I went to third base from second, played some short, and you can look at it as a challenge or look at it as a demotion,'' he said. ''I took it as a challenge and it excelled my game. It was the next step I needed to take to make this team. They told me they wanted me to be a utility guy, and I think it really helped me become a better player.''

Doster's tenacity and work ethic continues to impress Francona.

''He's been rewarded because of his hard work and his diligence, he got a major league job,'' he said.

EASTERN LEAGUE: In the first game played in pro baseball in 1995, the Reading Phillies' David Doster collected the first hit of the season as his team beat New Haven 3-2.

And in the Eastern League finals, Doster was the hitting star as his Phillies beat New Haven three games to two to give Reading its first league title since 1973.

The Phillies clinched the championship, routing New Haven 13-2 in the fifth game of the series on Sept. 13.

While Doster's first hit of the year was a single off Ravens ace Bryan Rekar, most of his later hits went a bit farther.

In the eight postseason games played by Reading, Doster hit six homers, batting .361 with 12 runs scored and 14 RBI. He was 2-for-5 with three RBI in the final game.

He was not the only Phillie playing long ball. Three Reading players hit homers in that final game, giving the club 13 in the finals alone and 21 in postseason. During the regular season, the club finished first in homers with 118.

Tommy Eason had five homers in the playoffs, and though he didn't hit one in the final game, he did drive in three runs in that contest, finishing the postseason with a .483 batting average.

Wendell Magee, who won the Florida State League batting title at Class A Clearwater before a late-season promotion to Reading, was 4-for-5 with a homer and four RBI in the final.

The Phillies broke the game open with a seven-run sixth inning, including the club's third homer of the inning, a two-run shot by Rick Holifield.

Angel Echevarria accounted for the Ravens' only runs with a two-run single in the seventh.

In the opener, four New Haven pitchers combined on a six-hit, 2-0 shutout. Echevarria was 2-for-4 with a pair of doubles.

Reading knotted the series with an 8-3 win, led by solo homers from Doster, Eason and Dan Held, another latecomer from Clearwater, where he led the league in homers. Fred McNair added a two-run pinch-hit single in the four-run eighth when the Phillies broke a 3-3 tie.

Doster connected on a three-run shot that led the Phillies to a 6-4 win in Game Three. Held and Rob Grable also homered.

The Phils hit four more the next night, including one more from Doster and a pair by Eason, but it wasn't enough: Ravens up, 12-7.

Echevarria snapped a 7-7 tie in the eighth with a two-run homer to start a five-run inning. Terry Jones was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, while Mike Case had three hits and three runs. Mark Strittmatter was 3-for-5 with four RBI for the Ravens.

New Haven had made it to the

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PHILLIE FLASH: Reading's David Doster drove in 14 runs to lead the Phillies to a crown.

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Doster delivers for Phils

New Haven grad hits game-winning homer

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — David Doster had a big mark on his helmet and a big smile on his face.

The Philadelphia Phillies' rookie and New Haven native was hit in the head by an errant throw in the eighth, then came back to hit his first major-league homer with two outs in the 10th, giving Philadelphia a 4-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies om Friday night.

National

"I can't explain how I feel," said Doster, playing in only his fourth major-league game. "Besides getting called up, this has to be the best moment of my life."

Doster homered off Bruce Ruffin (2-2) as the Phillies stopped a six-game losing streak. Toby Borland (4-2) was the winner in relief.

"I was trying to throw a strike and I left it out in the hitting area," Ruffin said. "You can't leave pitches up like that."

In the eighth, with the Phillies trailing 2-1, Doster doubled home the tying run and continued to third when right fielder Dante Bichette bobbled the ball.

Gregg Jefferies, hitless in his previous 22 at-bats, followed with a hard grounder to first baseman Andres Galarraga, who stepped on the bag and then made a throw home that hit Doster in the helmet.

Doster, who scored his first major-league run to put the Phillies ahead 3-2, stayed on the ground for a few seconds before walking to the dugout.

"On a scale of 1 to 10, it was about a 7 or 8," Doster said of the shot he took on the top of his helmet. "I was more worried about my contact lens because I couldn't see. It was alright, though, it had just rolled up in my eye."

Vinny Castilla led off the Rockies' ninth with a home run against Ricky Bottalico, tying it at 3.

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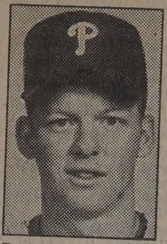
Ex-Bulldog charges grounders, rattles fences in Phillies' chain

This is the first in a series of five stories on the Fort Wayne area's professional baseball players.

By BLAKE SEBRING
of The News-Sentinel

Dave Doster wishes April had never run out of sunny days.

The New Haven High School graduate was named the Philadelphia Phillies' minor-league Player of the Month after hitting .315 with 28 hits in 21 games, including four home runs and 17 RBIs. The ex-Bulldog has helped the Class AA Reading Phillies of the Eastern League climb into first place.



Doster: *Farmhand sees ups and downs*

"Every game it seemed like I was doing something right, and then this last couple of weeks . . ." Doster said. "If I had hit anything the last three weeks I'd probably be even better. The balls that were squeaking through before are now getting caught. It's been a long couple of months."

Doster, 23, is hitting .259 with six homers and a team-leading 29 RBIs.

"After I hit a home run I'm always scared because I'm afraid I'll keep trying to do it, so I try to hit the ball to right field the very next time up," he said. "I'm frustrated because I was doing so well, and I felt I should have been able to maintain that. Now I think I'm starting to come out of it."

There have been very few slumps in Doster's career. He signed with the Phillies in 1993 and hit .274 with

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EX-BULLDOG:

He charges grounders, rattles fences for Phils

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Class A Spartanburg, S.C., of the South Atlantic League before being promoted to their Class A Florida State League team in Clearwater. There, Doster belted the ball at a .357 average to end the season. He played all of last season in Clearwater, hitting .281 with 13 home runs and 74 RBIs.

The Phillies were impressed with his power for his 5-10 size, and promoted him to Class AA Reading this season.

"I like everything he does," Reading Manager Bill Yancy said. "His hands are the quickest I've seen on a second baseman in quite a while. If you're in the ninth inning of a game with the bases loaded and two outs, he's the guy you want the ball hit to. I think the organization really likes him at second base. The biggest thing is he's a little guy with some home-run power. I think if he improves his range a little bit, then he becomes a pretty good prospect."

Defense is Doster's strength — he was voted the Best Defensive Baseman in the Florida State League last year — but his hitting has helped him move up the ladder.

Dave Doster's stats

Birthday: Oct. 8, 1970. **Height:** 5-10; **Weight:** 185.

History: Phillies' 27th pick in 1993 June free-agent draft.

Year Club (level)	AVG	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
'93 Spartanburg (A)	.274	223	34	61	3	20
'93 Clearwater (A)	.357	28	4	10	0	2
'94 Clearwater (A)	.281	480	76	135	13	74

"I think I've surprised a lot of people with six home runs already," Doster said. "It's something you can't explain because I'm not big enough to go out and try to hit home runs all the time. If you hit the ball right it goes, and I've been fortunate enough to hit a few right and they've gone out."

Doster has finally realized he can't blast his way out of a slump.

"Patience is the thing I've been working on last year and this year, because if I do strike out or make an out my first time at bat, I've still got three at-bats left," Doster said. "The best thing to do is if you have a bad game is leave it at the park."

He's getting help with that this season from his newlywed wife, the former Kim Doudt of New Haven.

"She can usually tell what kind of mood I'm in when I come out of the clubhouse," Doster said. "The other night we got drilled 15-3, and she was all over me. Nothing went our way, but by the time I got home she had me smiling."

said, smiling and citing this year's tournament as an example. "During the tournament, I hit every slider that came my way."

Major league scouts, however, have noticed Doster's play in the field. "According to the press reviews, the scouts were impressed with my work at second base. They liked the way I turned the double play." Doster made only four errors during the season.

With the prospect of playing professional baseball, Doster makes it clear that it isn't money that motivates him. "I don't want a whole lot of money, just enough to be secure. You can't let the scouts know you'd play for nothing, but I love the game so much I almost would play for free."

Doster says that playing in the major leagues would give him the opportunity to repay his family for the sacrifices they have made for him. "I owe my whole family a lot. I can remember dad standing in the front yard pitching to me. I'd hit 'em and he'd have to chase 'em. My brother also came up with extra money to send me to baseball camps. They've been a big influence in my success."

But Doster makes it clear that even if he never made it to the major leagues, he would be content with being a minor league player. "I'd be satisfied being a career minor leaguer. There aren't too may other things that I could do every day that I would love as much as playing baseball."

Doster knows, however, that very few are fortunate enough to grow up and realize the dream of becoming a major leaguer. He says that if he never gets the opportunity he may be bitter for awhile, but the bitterness would pass when he looks back and thinks of all the fun he had and all the friends he made while playing. After all, that's what the game of baseball is all about.

Dave Doster will continue his passionate chase next year. The dream he has is an innocent one- a dream that every boy has. He wants to be on a Sports Illustrated poster, making a diving catch. His dream is no different than one shared by a million others, except for the fact that Dave refuses to let the dream die.

DAVE DOSTER

Dave Doster: Chasing Down His Childhood Dreams

By SCOTT RENIER
Staff Writer

Nearly every boy grows up dreaming of the day when he will become a major league baseball player; dreaming of the day when he will come to the plate with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth to face the best pitcher in the game.

It's that imaginary at-bat, when the count has run to three and two, the pitcher kicks his leg high into the air, makes the delivery and the ball's hit higher and longer than any ball was ever hit. The game winning home run.

For most, this dream is outgrown like the first pair of "cleats", traded in for dreams which are believed to be more "realistic". For others, the dream never fades, and instead of being left behind, the dream becomes a passion.

Dave Doster, a New Haven High School graduate who currently plays second base for the Indiana State Sycamores, is one of the rare few who kept his childhood dream alive. And, today, that dream is ever closer to becoming a reality.

While at New Haven, Doster demonstrated his potential big-league talent. Over his four year varsity career, Doster hit 37 home runs. Only one person in the state ever hit more. He gained All-NEIAC Honorable Mention in his freshman season, Second-team honors his sophomore year, and was voted to the First-team as both a junior and senior. Oddly, Doster never won All-State recognition.

After leaving New Haven, Doster went to Indiana State University on full athletic scholarship. By his own admission, Doster had trouble adjusting. He found that attaining his dream would be difficult. According to Doster, lesson number one came against the University of Kentucky. The subject was a pitch called "the slider."

"The slider is nothing but an 88 mile-an-hour curve ball," Doster said. "In one time at bat, this kid from Kentucky threw me three sliders, all of 'em were strikes, and I never swung. It's the hardest pitch I've ever had to hit."

The sheer velocity of pitches also was something Doster had to get used to. "In high school I only faced one pitcher who threw 90 miles-an-hour. In college, I see them almost every week," Doster said. He knows that if he attains his ultimate dream he will face pitchers who throw that hard every day.

Although Doster's freshman year at ISU was a "learning year", he hit .352 (third best on the team), and added one home run.

This past season Doster continued to work toward his dream. His batting average hovered around .330, he hit five home runs and was voted second team All-Missouri Valley Conference. During the conference tournament which brought the Sycamores season to a close, Doster went 10 for 21, with two home runs. He was voted All-Tournament first team.

Doster recognizes his progress and so have the major league scouts.

"It just seems like things are getting easier and easier for me every year," Doster

Doster up for last spot on Phillies' final roster

The New Haven native may be a backup infielder.

By Jim Salisbury
of The Philadelphia Inquirer

CLEARWATER, Fla. – The final pieces of the Philadelphia Phillies' Opening Day roster continued to fall into place Monday and Dave Doster of New Haven is battling for the team's final spot.

Manager Terry Francona began the day by naming his 11-man pitching staff. He ended it by thinning the field of candidates for the last bench job from five players to two.

As expected, the season-opening rotation will be Curt Schilling, Chad Ogea, Carlton Loewer, Paul Byrd and Paul Spoljaric.

Mike Grace, who had been a candidate for a starting job, was named to the six-man bullpen staff, along with Jeff Brantley, Wayne Gomes, Ken Ryan, Yorkis Perez and Jim Poole.

So, with three days left in Florida, the Phils are down to one roster decision: Doster, an infielder, or outfielder David Miller?

Doster and Miller moved to the front of the bus after Torey Lovullo, Jon Zuber and Billy McMillon were sent to minor-league camp late in the afternoon.

Zuber spent a portion of the 1998 season with the Phils, hitting .244 in 38 games. He was dropped from the 40-man roster in late December. The Phils have been unable to carve a spot on the roster for Zuber because they say he lacks power.

He plays first base and outfield, but neither well enough to unseat anyone in Philadelphia.

Clearly, the decisions on Lovullo, Zuber and McMillon (.238 in 17) were made easier by their status. All three were invited to camp as non-roster players.

Doster and Miller are both on the 40-man roster, and the Phils would risk losing them if they tried to send them to the minor leagues. Doster is out of minor-league options, and Miller is a Rule 5 draft pick from the Cleveland organization.

Indications are that the Phillies are trying to swing a trade with Cleveland so they can hang on to Miller and get the 25-year-old outfielder to the minors. Miller is hitting .233 in 17 games.

Despite his roster status, Doster has clearly earned the consideration he's getting. He had two more hits against the Blue Jays on Monday and is hitting .284 in 19 games.

Doster's value is enhanced because he's a solid second baseman and the Phils are breaking in a rookie – Marlon Anderson – at that position. Doster is an excellent insurance policy for Anderson.

General Manager Ed Wade said both performance and roster status were considered in making Monday's cuts.

"We'd be shortsighted if we didn't consider roster status," he said.

"A lot comes into these decisions," Francona added. "We're trying to get our organization better."

The Phils could decide the outcome of the Miller-Doster showdown by the end of the day Wednesday. The winner goes to Atlanta. The loser goes to another organization or, if the Phils are lucky, Class AAA Scranton.

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Still striving for the majors

New Haven graduate Dave Doster hopes Philadelphia calls him back up soon.

Photo courtesy of Scranton-Wilkes/Barre Barons

New Haven graduate Dave Doster is playing in his ninth professional season.

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Dave Doster was taking a health class test one day during his freshman year when New Haven coach Dave Bischoff walked by and leaned over.

"You're starting tonight, varsity shortstop," Bischoff said.

Doster doesn't remember what he got on the test, but he knows it wasn't very good.

He does remember that the first hitter that day ripped a grounder up the middle that Doster got to and threw out the runner.

Bischoff turned to an assistant coach and said, "Oh, yeah, I think he stays."

More than 15 years later, Doster, 31, is still staying on the field. He's in his ninth professional season, this year playing with the Scranton-Wilkes/Barre Barons, the AAA affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies.

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Doster lasted until the last day of spring training before the Phillies sent him down.

"I played second, short and some third," Doster said. "Hopefully I left them with the impression that I can still play. They told me to just be ready."

During his best season, Doster played 99 games with the Phillies as a utility infielder during the 1999 season. He also played 39 games in 1996.

Last year he took a chance and signed to play with the Yokohama Baystars in Japan. He hit .272 with nine home runs and 27 runs batted in. The money was fantastic, allowing Doster and his wife, Kim, to pay off some bills and invest the rest.

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DOSTER:

He wants to go back to majors

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"It was really too good a situation to turn down," Doster said. "The first month was really tough with the whole cultural adjustment. There are a lot of Americans over there."

They'd often take son Owen, who's now 4, to school and then go to a Starbucks just to hear others speaking English.

"You don't understand what you have until it's not there," he said. "It was great just to hear English being spoken because the rest of the time you have no idea what these people are saying."

Doster: Is one of seven locals playing in minors

Doster said the quality of play is slightly higher than AAA but not as good as the major leagues. He started slowly but rallied with a strong second half.

When the Baystars declined to bring him back, Doster called the Phillies to see if they had any interest. This spring he faced pitchers such as Randy Johnson, Mariano Rivera and Pedro Martinez. Now he's working for another chance at the big leagues.

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On the way up

Doster is only one of seven local players trying to work their way through the minors.

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Former Snider star Adam Sheefel will once again get to throw in front of his hometown fans at least a little this season as a member of the Midwest League's Dayton Dragons. The Dragons are one of Cincinnati's Class A affiliates.

Pitcher Ryan Harber is playing with the Florida Marlins' A team in Jupiter, Fla. He's a Northrop graduate.

Huntington North's Ryan Burnau, a pitcher, will soon join the Cubs' Class A farm team in Boise, Idaho.

Former Eastside pitcher Johnathon Shull is taking part in an extended spring training with the Anaheim Angels. He's likely to be assigned to one of the Angels' rookie-league teams this summer.

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Big league dream alive in Doster

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Ah, man. How'd you find him back here, with The Question?

You stuck it in your back pocket and brought it with you out of the sweat-lodge dusk, out of the baking sponge that is Columbus on the day before the Fourth of July, into the dowdy visitor's clubhouse in Cooper Stadium. Dave Doster is back here, on the other side of the frayed Fraternity Row couches. He is waiting on his stool, just past that stack of pizza boxes.

"Have a seat," he says, nudging another stool your way with a bare foot. "So how are you?"

He himself is fine, these steaming days. Tonight was his 87th appearance this season for the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Red Barons, Triple A affiliate for the Philadelphia Phillies. He went 2 for 5 and cranked a 3-2 pitch ("Curveball," he says) over the 365 sign in right-center in the first inning, chasing home the first two of Scranton Wilkes-Barre's eight runs.

Ben Smith

Coming in, he was batting a robust .311 this season, and he led the Red Barons in both hits (105) and RBI (63). Best season since 1997, when he hit .315 for the Red Barons. Redemptive season for the kid from New Haven High School, who is of course 31 years old now, and therefore not a kid anymore.

And so you reach back, you pull out The Question, it drifts into the stale clubhouse air, apologetically.

"So how much longer can you see yourself playing?"

Doster smiles right through it.

"Oh," he says mildly, "I look at 34, 35. That gives me a couple more years. But after this year I'm gonna sit back and look at my options. If I continue to do what I'm doing throughout the season, end like I am, then I can say, hey, what teams are looking at me? Give me a shot.

Doster

"And if not …I'll say, OK, I'll give it one more year, try to finish school. I don't have a lot of school to finish so I can get that done in the offseason. I'd love to be done with school before I'm done with baseball."

On nights like this one, of course, that day seems as remote as it did in 1993, when Doster was 22 and broke in with Spartanburg, S.C. and Clearwater, Fla. in the Phillies' system. He batted .274 in 60 games in Spartanburg and .357 in nine games in Clearwater, and by '96 he was up with the big club, batting .267 in 39 games.

The next season, he was back down in Triple A, where he batted .315. He spent all of 1998 there. In 1999, he played 99 games with the Phillies and spent the entire summer in The Show, but batted just .196.

He hasn't been back since.

Instead he remains here, with Scranton Wilkes-Barre, sharing the combustible Ohio night with men who are two and three and four and sometimes seven years younger. You could say he is playing out the string, but that only doordings the truth. What he is really doing is *wringing* it, getting every last drop of the game out of his system.

A year ago he was in Yokohama, Japan, playing in front of 25,000 fans a night, batting a satisfying .272 against a steady diet of curveballs and sliders and splitters and changes. Made him a better hitter, he believes. Made him think 31 was no age to be deflecting The Question just yet, that he still had some things to say at the plate and on the basepaths and out in the hot dust around second base.

"I'm so much more comfortable here now, being able to hit any pitch in the count," he says happily. "There were so many more breaking balls over there; you don't see a fastball. It was a great experience. I would really have loved to go back."

But Yokohama chose not to pick up the second year of his option, and so Doster came back to the States, to Scranton Wilkes-Barre. Part of him is still on the other side of the Pacific, on this night in Columbus. He talks eagerly about the Japanese scouts who'll be coming over this month, about the possibility of hooking another ride overseas, and, yeah, this is exactly what it sounds like, this is the last howl of the dreaming kid in him.

"Had a guy ask me the other day what I wanted to do after baseball," Doster says now, laughing, in the visitor's clubhouse in ancient Cooper Stadium. "And I said, 'You know what? The day after I retire will be the day I decide.' "

Don't wait up.

Ben Smith is a columnist for The Journal Gazette.

Doster sent down by Pirates

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The Pittsburgh Pirates optioned infielder **Dave Doster** to their minor-league camp Monday. The New Haven High School graduate hit .261 in 17 spring training games with with three runs scored and four runs batted in.

"They had told me a couple of weeks ago that I wasn't going to make the team," Doster said.

"I got very positive feedback from all the coaches in the big leagues. The bench coach pulled me aside and told me to keep playing hard. Even after they told me I wasn't going to make the team I think they noticed I was in there early getting my work done."

Doster said he had an inkling he might get cut when the Pirates signed outfielder **Kenny Lofton.**

"I feel that if something was to happen that I would be one of the guys they would call up," Doster said. "There really are no big prospects in AAA who can do what I can do (play various positions). I really feel that is something does happen that I would be considered for a call-up."

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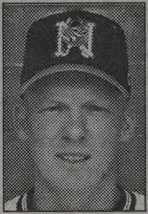

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NOT EVERYTHING CAN BE BOUGHT

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SEBRING: *Paying a price for honesty*

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Taking off his shirt would be one way to answer that. Most steroid-users are full of muscles and have something less than 11 percent body fat – Doster's low mark. The other answer would be that if Doster had juiced up he probably would still be playing, possibly in the majors. Except for 39 games in 1996 and another 99 in 1999, both with Philadelphia, he spent most of his career at Class AAA, one rung from the majors and bouncing around hoping for one more shot at the top.

Doster: 13-year career might have been longer

Not bad for a 27th-round draft pick who first went undrafted out of high school.

"I've been very fortunate to play a lot of years, and it was something a lot of people didn't think I could do," he said. "I don't harbor any bad feelings, but I easily could have done steroids, and if I had I believe I would have had a longer career."

Instead, he had to evolve every season to have a chance, playing everywhere but catcher and pitcher during his career and playing in places like Mexico and Japan.

This year, at age 35, he decided to stay home in Fort Wayne with his wife Kim and children Owen, 8, and Ava, 3, and a baby on the way. Instead of training constantly, he's spending summer at home for the first time in 16 years while trying to find a real job and start a second career.

As a player, Doster said maybe he was naïve or simply believed in the purity of the game, but eventually, he had no choice but to accept the truth of illegal substances.

"It almost got to be cool that you were doing it," he said. "In a way it got to be where guys were bragging about it and not getting caught. A lot of stuff is making sense to me now on a lot of different players when the suspensions are announced."

It really hit him last year while he was playing winter ball in Mexico. One day Doster went to grab a pop out of the trainer's cooler and found five or six bags of Human Growth Hormone floating in it.

A pitcher who threw 86 or 87 mph one year came back throwing 95 or 96 the next year and went from being mediocre to an All-Star. Two pitchers threw 100 mph who had never come close before.

"C'mon, are you kidding me?" he said. "These weren't kids who were still growing, either. I used to wonder why they were there (in Mexico) if they were throwing that hard. We had a second baseman who led the league with 35 home runs. He was about my height (5-foot-10) and 10 pounds lighter."

When the Mexican League instituted drug testing the next year, the player hit four home runs.

So, if so many players were using steroids and everyone else is going to suspect him anyway, why didn't he try them? "I thought about it for a very short time, but my thing was I could never look my kid in the eye," Doster said. "To me, I really cared about what people thought about me as a player and what kind of man I am. I want to be able to tell him I never cheated.

"That will last with you a lot longer than what you did on the field. People will still be talking about you when you are dead, and what will people say to my kids? I couldn't do that to them."

But there will always be the questions he can do nothing about. Because of baseball's ineptness in dealing with the steroid problem, every player is now tainted, if not worthy of suspicion.

It tears Doster up that baseball gave its innocence away. Actually, it's baseball's word we should be wondering about.

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: Israel won't barga

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were pursuing a diplomatic solution and conceded that a broad attack would threaten the life of the 19-year-old hostage captured Sunday.

After more than 24 hours of silence, the militants claiming to hold Cpl. Gilad Shalit issued their first demands Monday.

The groups, linked to the Hamas-led Palestinian government, said Israel should release all imprisoned Palestinian women and children under 18 in return for information about Shalit.

Olmert rejected the demand. Addressing Jewish leaders in Jerusalem, he charged that the Palestinian attack on an army post at a Gaza crossing and the abduction of the soldier were part of a "murderous, hateful, fanatical Islamic extremist desire to destroy the state of Israel."

"This is not a matter of negotiations, this is not a matter of bargaining," he declared. "Release of prisoners is absolutely not on the agenda of the Israeli government."

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group endorses plan

By The Associated Press

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In the first tangible measure after he reconciliation plan was anounced Sunday, the council of ministers said government employees who had been detained and recently released will be reinstated to their jobs, and their service should be considered uninterrupted in consideration of bonuses, promotion and retirement privileges.

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By Sameer N. Yacoub
of The Associated Press

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- Said Kansas' death penalty law does t violate the Constitution's ban on uel and unusual punishment.
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But a dozen states argued that caron dioxide and other heat-trapping hemicals from automobile tailpipes hould be treated as unhealthy pollunts. They filed a lawsuit in an effort force the EPA to curtail such emisions just as it does cancer-causing ad and chemicals that produce smog d acid rain.

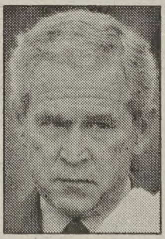
Bush slams media for disclosures

By Ron Hutcheson
of our Washington bureau

5 || **WASHINGTON** — An angry President Bush chastised the news media Monday for disclosing the government's efforts to track international financial transactions, calling the revelations "disgraceful" and harmful to the war on terrorism.

"What we did was fully authorized under the law. And the disclosure of this program is disgraceful," Bush said. "We're at war with a bunch of people who want to hurt the United States of America, and for people to leak that program, and for a newspaper to publish it, does great harm to the United States of America."

White House spokesman Tony Snow said Bush's ire was directed primarily at The New York Times, which was the first to report last week that the government sifts through a vast database of financial transactions for evidence of terrorist financing. The Los Angeles Times and The Wall Street Journal followed with their own stories on the pro-



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Global warming

THANKS TO AL Gore's movie, the global-warming debate is back on our political radar screen. We can let the scientists sort out the accuracy of his vision of a world tilting toward ruin.

But even if Gore & Co. are correct that the international community must immediately act to stem the increase in global temperatures, conspicuously absent is any acknowledgement that the Asian economic revolution has made whatever problem exists much more difficult to solve.

The folks who focus on the U.S. need to comply with the Kyoto Agreement as the only impediment to a global solution are as outdated in their thinking as were the explorers of the Middle Ages who thought the world was flat.

Yes, the United States as the world's largest economy remains the biggest source of greenhouse gases, and any international solution would require American participation.

But for any global agreement to win approval in Washington, it must recognize the belief that the restraints on emissions required by Kyoto will cost American jobs.

China and, to a lesser degree, India and the other Asian tigers are industrializing at a frenetic pace.

Any agreement to limit global warming must include their participation also.

An acknowledgement of that reality by the environmentalists is the required first step in any effort to deal with the problem of rising world temperatures.

The Kyoto agreement was signed in 1997 before U.S. companies began outsourcing millions of jobs to China and India. The pact exempted both and other developing nations from the requirements of curbing emissions. The rationale was that the United States and Western Europe had caused most of the problem, so they should bear the brunt of the sacrifice.

It was a noble but impractical idea. Even British Prime Minister Tony Blair, whose nation signed the accord, acknowledged that "no country will want to sacrifice its economy" in the process. The United States refused to approve the agreement for that reason. Although Western European nations

Price-gouging pol

CONGRESS WANTS THE Federal Trade Commission to go after oil companies for price gouging on gasoline. But the FTC doesn't think it's a good idea.

Over the past year, Congress has introduced dozens of bills designed to target high gasoline prices. Some are good, such as proposals to allow more domestic oil production in Alaska and in offshore areas, as well as efforts to streamline regulations that raise refining costs.

But many proposals would impose the kind of price controls that led to the shortages and gas lines last seen in the 1970s and early '80s.

Apparently, some lawmakers missed the lesson of those days: that Washington can't simply force down the price at the pump.

The market price of gasoline is the price where supply and demand balance out. That price is uncomfortably high now because o strong global demand for oil and refined products, combined with supply barely adequate to meet that demand.

But high prices lead to solutions. They encourage producers to increase supplies and consumers to cut back on unnecessary driving. Over the longer term, they may even create opportunities for alternative fuels. This explains why oil and gas prices fluctuate and why no increase ever has proved permanent.

Now, some have lost patience with this process and seek to short-circuit it. But that only leads

HONORS

Area baseball association names 3 to Hall of Fame

They'll be honored June 2 at History Center.

From staff reports

The Northeast Indiana Baseball Association will induct three new members into its Hall of Fame on June 2 at the History Center. This year's class includes former Fort Wayne Daisy June "Pep" Peppas, former Philadelphia Phillies second baseman and New Haven High School product Dave Doster, and longtime New Haven coach Dave Bischoff.

Kent Hormann will receive the Bob Parker Memorial Award for service to baseball by a media member, and longtime amateur manager and team sponsor Leo Ochoa will receive the Colin Lister Award, given for "dedication to the game of baseball and its historic legacy."

Fort Wayne Wizards General Manager Mike Nutter will be the keynote speaker.

Tickets cost $25 and can be purchased by mail at NEIBA, PO Box 40224, Fort Wayne, IN 46804; at T.J. Sports Cards, 2843 E. State Blvd.; or at Sports Center, 5633 Coventry Lane. The deadline is May 28. The dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

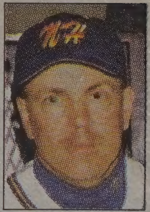
Doster, 36, ended a 13-year professional career in 2005. The highlights were 137 games over two seasons as the Philadelphia Phillies' second baseman. He hit .267 in 105 at-bats in 1996. The New Haven High School product was drafted by the Phillies in 1993 after earning all-Missouri Valley Conference honors at Indiana State.

Doster's coach at New Haven was Bischoff, 49, who continues to lead the Bulldogs in his 22nd season. He has earned more than 400 wins, eight sectional titles, two conference titles and four district coach of the year awards. Bischoff also played at Bellmont High School and IPFW and continued competing on the amateur level until 2004.

Peppas was born in Fort Wayne on June 16, 1929, and 19 years later began playing for the Fort Wayne Daisies in the All-American Girls' Professional Baseball League. She

Peppas

Doster


Bischoff

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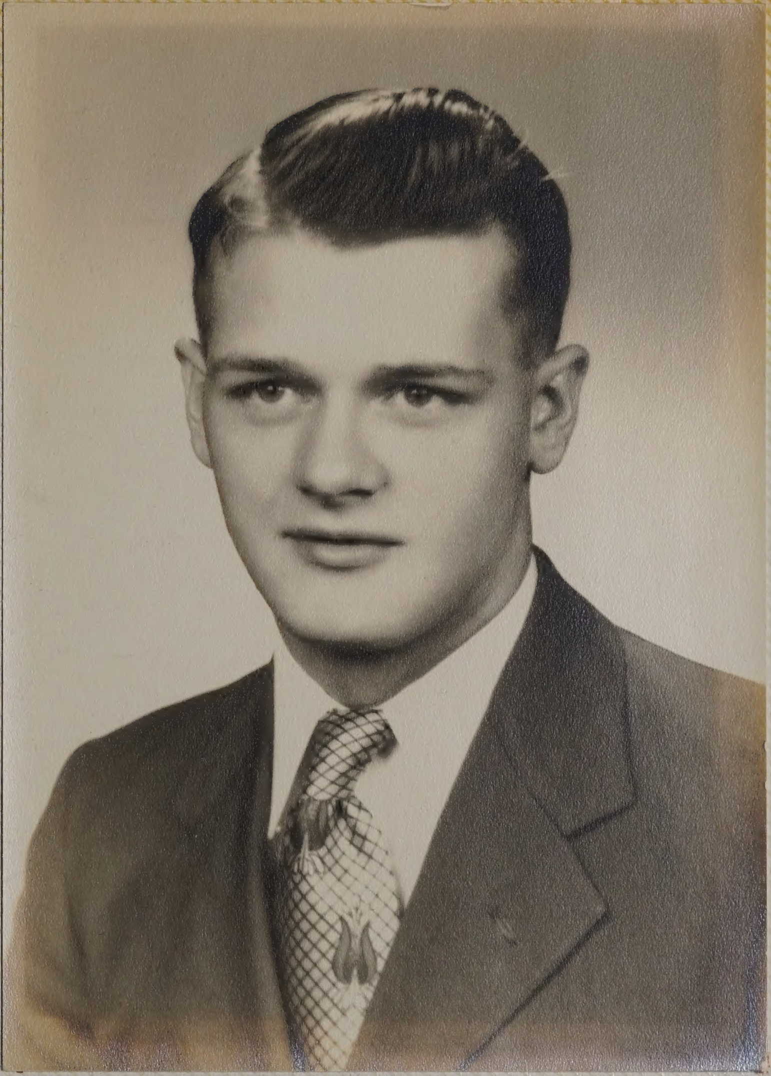
hit .264 as a rookie before being traded to Racine in midseason 1949. As a first baseman, she hit .268 and drove in 58 runs, and as a pitcher she had a 4-4 record. She later played three seasons with Kalamazoo, where she was twice named a first-team all-star. In a twist of fate, she was the winning pitcher in two of Kalamazoo's three wins over the Daisies for the AAGPBL title series in 1954.

Ochoa: Has been a coach, sponsor since 1970

Hormann, now IPFW's director of athletic marketing and broadcasting, had a long career in local television, first at WFFT, Channel 55, Fox, for three years and then for 21 at then-WKJG, Channel 33, NBC, where he became the sports director.

Ochoa has been involved with the local Stan Musial League since 1970, joining the Blackies team as his uncle's assistant coach. He took over the team in 1983, and, after a name change, has sponsored the La Margarita team for the last 23 seasons.

Nutter has been a member of the Wizards' front office staff since 2000 and the team's general manager since 2001. He has received many awards, including the 2006 Friends of Baseball Chapel Award which goes to the organization or individual who makes strides in advancing Baseball Chapel.



Donald Eugene Davis

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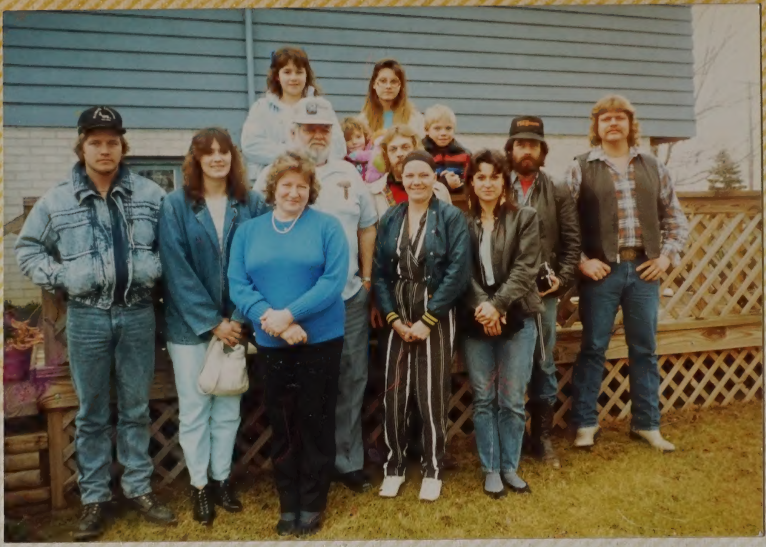
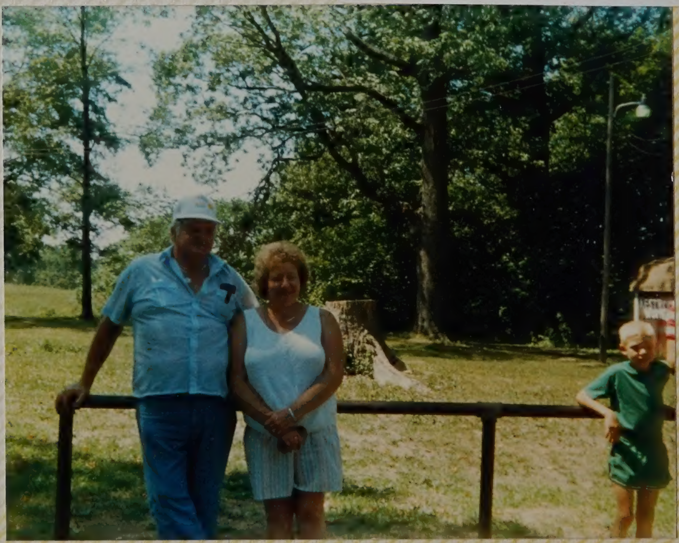


l-r:Duane, Sue, June,
Gene, Julida, Jeremy,
Judy, Jack, Shiela,
Dennis, Doug
2 in back: Nena, Ann

Gene & June Davis



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6-4 Mearl Connie Davis and Lucille Laura Armour

7-2 Donald Eugene Davis

1933 September 12 Latty Twp., Paulding County, OH

1996 September 5 Mt. Pleasant, MI

June Arlene McAllister 1953 June 14

1935 June 14

8-1	Rolla Dennis Davis	1956 July 15
8-2	Judith Arlene Davis	1959 April 29
8-3	Douglas Eugene Davis	1960 November 25
8-4	Duane Floyd Davis	1964 January 17

Gene Davis and Loyd
Davis
Everett, WA

Douglas, ?
June, Gene, Dennis,
Sheila

Donald 'Gene' Davis

Sept. 12, 1933 — Sept. 5, 1996

Donald "Gene" Davis, 62, of Mt. Pleasant, died Thursday, Sept. 5, 1996, at his home.

Funeral services are 1 p.m. today at the Rosebush Presbyterian Church in Rosebush with the Rev. Mary Ann Evans-Justin officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Friends may call at the church today from noon until time of service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mt. Pleasant Moose Lodge. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Mr. Davis was born Sept. 12, 1933, in Grover Hill, Ohio, to Mearl C. and Laura Lucile (Armour) Davis. He married June McAllister on June 14, 1953, in Camden.

Mr. Davis lived in the Mt. Pleasant area for 43 years and was a supervisor of parks and cemeteries for the City of Mt. Pleasant for 37 years before retiring in 1989. He attended the Rosebush Presbyterian Church and was a longtime member fo the Mt. Pleasant Moose Lodge No. 195.

Mr. Davis was baptized in the Bethel Church in Grover Hill, Ohio. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, traveling, cutting wood and farming.

He is survived by his wife, June; children, Rolla Dennis (Sheila) Davis of Winn, Judith Arlene (Jack) Reeves, Douglas Eugene Davis, all of Mt. Pleasant, and Duane Floyd (Sue) Davis of Rosebush; seven grandchildren, Ann, Nena, Jeremy, Julida, Korie, Amanda, and Katie; a great-grandson, Dyllon; three brothers, Rex (Marie) Davis of Grover Hill, Ohio, Bill (Laura) Davis of Jerome, and Gordon (Marieta) Davis of Kalkaska; three sisters, Phyllis (Don) Doster of New Haven, Ind., Norma (Terry) Kuster of Camden, and Connie (Steve) Tressler of Bryan, Ohio. He will be greatly missed by his wife, family and all.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Jim and Marvin.

In Memory Of

Donald E. "Gene" Davis

September 12, 1933 - September 5, 1996

Service
Monday, September 9 - 1 P.M.
Rosebush Presbyterian Church
Rosebush, Michigan

Officiating
Rev. Mary Ann Evans-Justin

Interment
Riverside Cemetery
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Pallbearers
Ron Champlin Earl Sawade
Dean Phelps Larry Richardson
Dick Bean Dick Straka
Sam Langlois

Honorary Pallbearers
Kirk Stocks Ivan Hines

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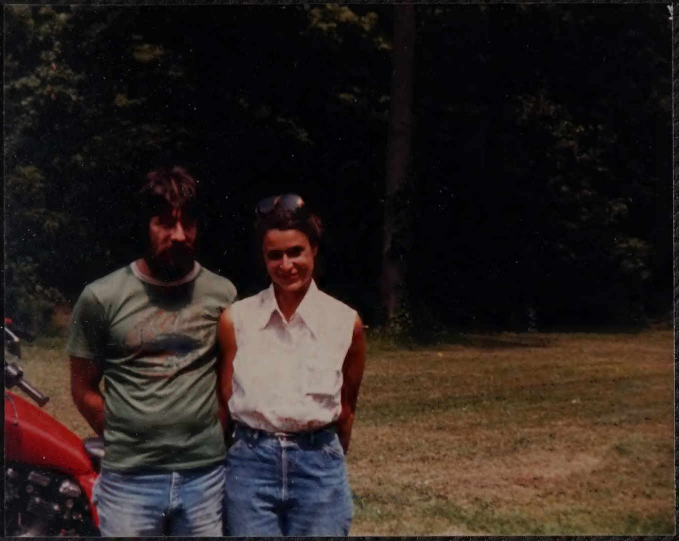
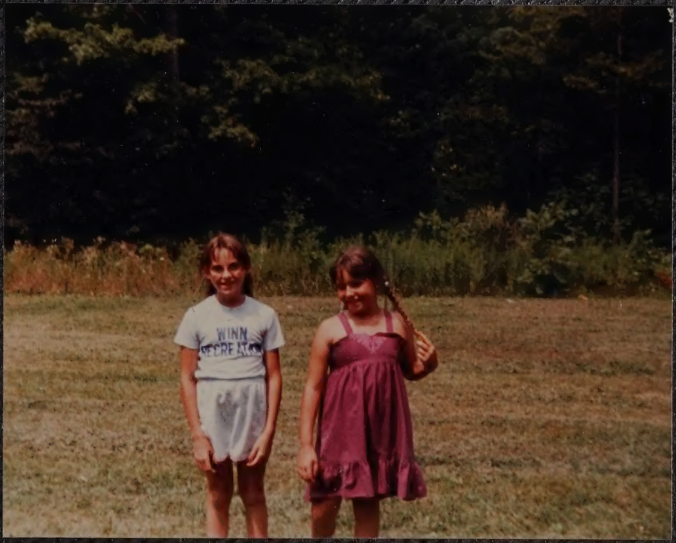


Dennis and Shelia
Davis

4 August 1985



ANN Marie and Nina Davis

4 August 1985

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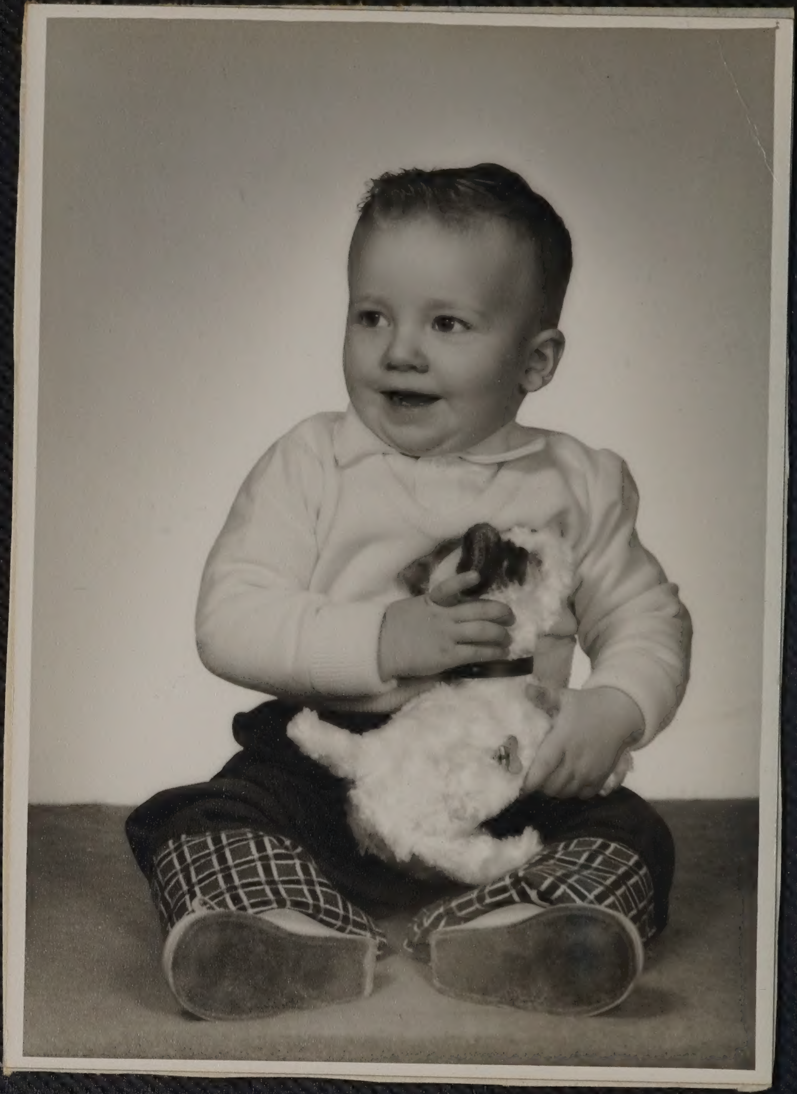

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1956 July 15 Mt. Pleasant, MI

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9-1 Ann Marie Davis 1974 November 30

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8-1 Rolla Dennis Davis and Sheila Kay Schafer

9-1 Ann Marie Davis

1974 Novwmber 30

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1974 October 14

10-1 Devin Rolla Gene Abbott 1998 September 6

10-2 Damon K. C. Kassner Abbott 2000 August 20

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(Dallas' from previous marriage)

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9-1 Jeremy Wayne Reeves

1979 May 9

m. Sara Janice Skuczas 2001 October 5

1981 December 7

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1981 May 30

10-1 Javira Arlene Griffin March 30, 2001

2001 June 14

Douglas Davis

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8-4 Duane Floyd Davis

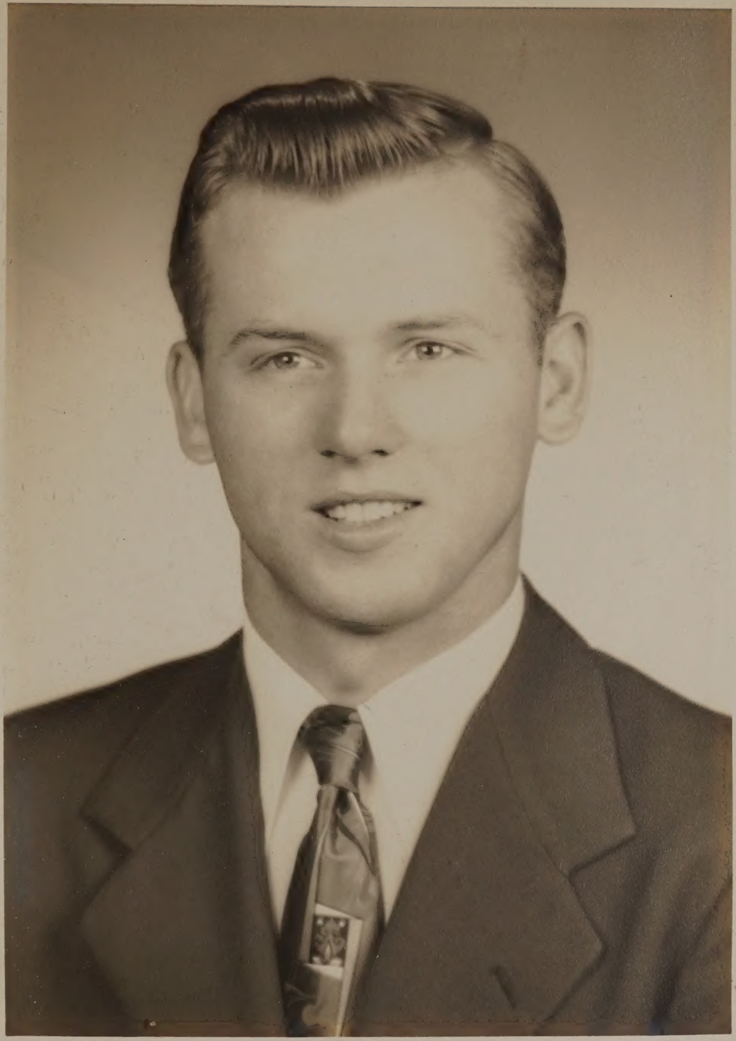
1964 January 17

Susan Jean Baker 1987 August 28

1963 September 5

9-1 Korie Sue Davis 1989 October 20

9-2 Katie Jean Davis 1992 June 29



Rex Davis

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Rex and Marie Davis

4 August 1985

Rex, Lori, Marie, Greg
holding Nathan, Natalie
standing in front
of Lori

1- John Dukes and Mary Haddox
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7-3 Roland Rex Davis

1936 February 20 Latty Twp., Paulding County, OH

Mildred Marie McClure 1956 December 22

1938 August 21

8-1 Kelvin Kent Davis 1958 April 5

8-2 Greg G. Davis 1962 July 31

8-3 Robbie Rex Davis 1969 June 29

August 2005   Davis Reunion

Rex's three sons

HOOSIER

FURY

1999 August 11

Rex & Marie Davis
Family

Aug 1995

Greg G., Lori Dealey,
Natalie, Ryan G &
Nathan G.

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7-3 Roland Rex Davis and Mildred Marie McClure

8-1 Kelvin Kent Davis

1958 April 5

Phoebe Clark m. 1979 November
divorced

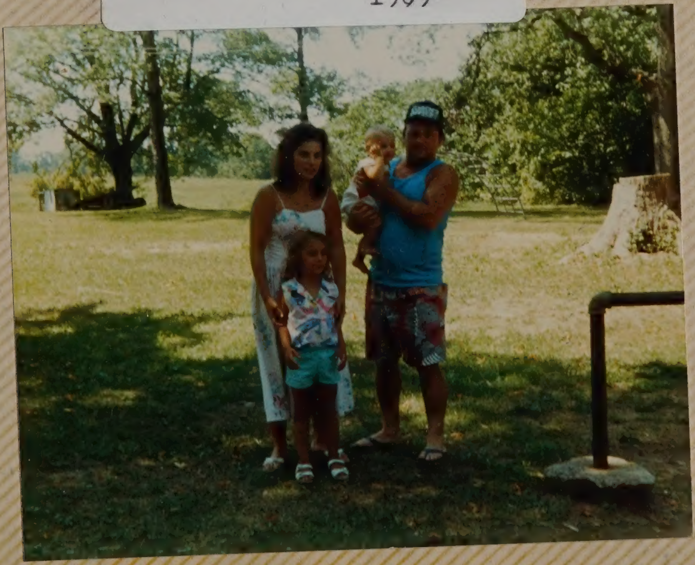
Beth Ladd 1990 April 7

1967 June 8

9-1	Joshua Kent Davis	1980 December 14
9-2	Jacob Lee Davis	1983 March 4
9-3	Justin Adam Davis	1991 May 16
9-4	Janelle Suzanne Davis	1993 February 18

Lori and Natalie;
Greg and Nathan

Davis Reunion August
1989



Times-Bulletin, Van Wert, Ohio, Thursday, March 18, 1982 7

Couple To Wed

Lori Ann Dealey

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dealey of Rt. 1, Convoy, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lori Ann, to Greg G. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rey Davis of Rt. 1, Grover Hill.

The bride-elect is a 1981 graduate of Wayne Trace High School, Haviland. She is employed by Allen Travel Service, Fort Wayne.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1980 graduate of Wayne Trace High School. He is employed by Herbert E. Orr's, Inc., Paulding.

Wedding vows will be exchanged at 6:30 p.m. April 10 in Convoy United Methodist Church.

Davis Reunion August 2005

Greg and Lori Davis' two sons plus friends

Nike Baseball
CART WRANGLER

1- John Dukes and Mary Haddox
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8-2 Greg G. Davis

1962 July 31

Lori Ann Dealey 1982 April 10

b. 1963 April 20

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9-2 Nathan G. Davis 1987 October 9

9-3 Ryan G. Davis 1990 August 14

Robbie Rex Davis

Christopher, Jessica,
Robbie w/ Corey, Caleb

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8-3 Robbie Rex Davis

1969 June 29

Donna Closson 1993 February 23
divorced 2-21-1997

Jessica Welch 1997 June 16

1979 May 9

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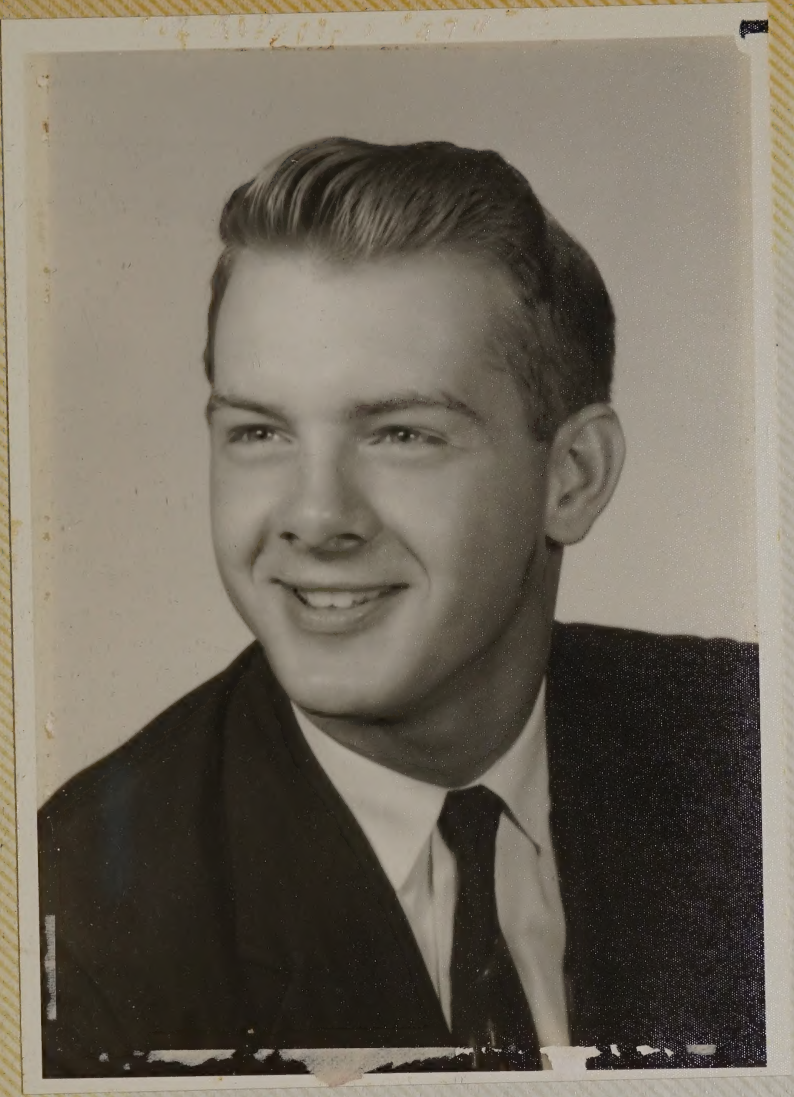

Gordon Ray Davis

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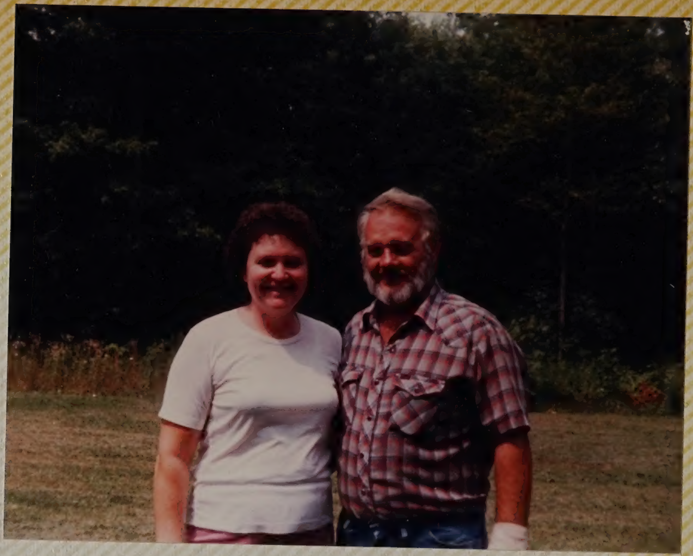

Gordon & Marieta Davis

4 August 1985

August 2005 - Davis Reunion

Gordon's family

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1940 January 20 Latty Twp., Paulding County, OH

ROTC - 1 yr

Elaine June Caywood 1961 February 26
1980 March 10 divorce

Marieta Harmon Teachot 1982 May 13

1942 November 13

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8-2 Randal Eugene Davis 1962 December 27

1965 September 10

1966 November 18

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8-4	Colisa Ann Davis	1966 November 18

William Forrest Davis
&
Lois and Matthew

4 August 1985

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1961 September 1

Lois Marie Krohn 1982 December 18
Pleasant View Church of Christ, Fox Lake Road,
1962 September 15 Angola, IN

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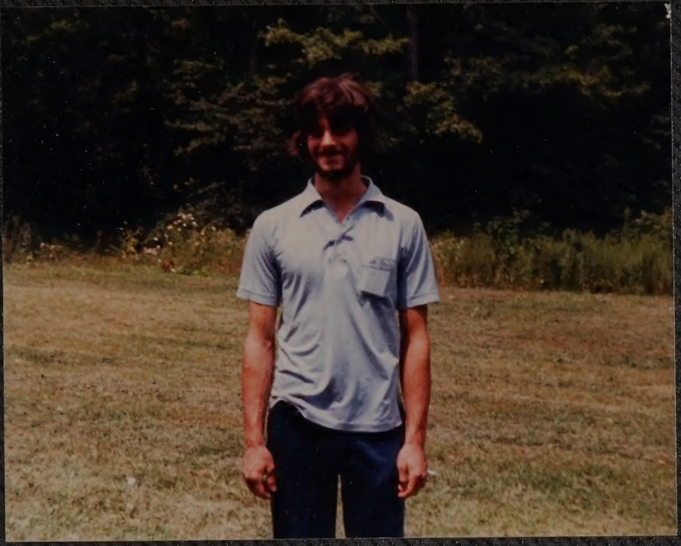
9-2 Holly Renee Davis 1987 August 8



Randal Davis
"Randy"

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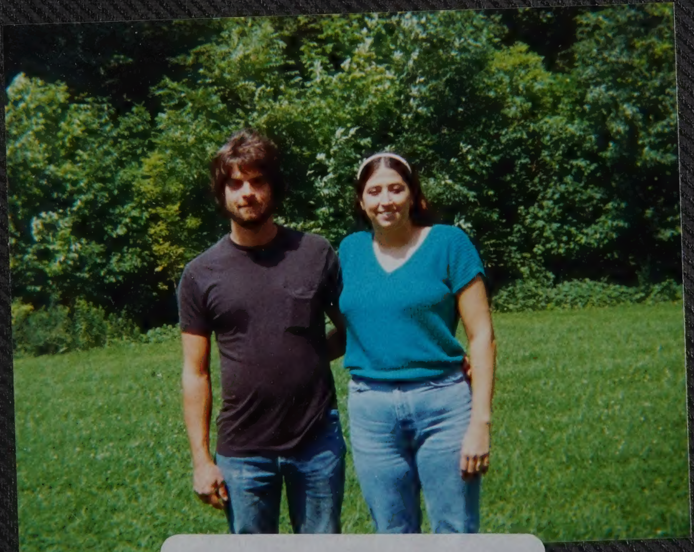

Randy & Tammy

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1962 December 27

Tammy Kroll 1989 May 6

1963 August 17

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Eric & Jackie

with Ericka & Christopher

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7-4 Gordon Ray Davis and Elaine June Caywood

8-3 Eric Ray Davis

1965 September 10

Military

Army 1984-
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Jacqueline Marie Imse

1986 June 21

1967 January 22

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4 August 1985

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Colisa & Tom Carpenter
Cassie & Ariel

Colisa, Cassie &
Ariel

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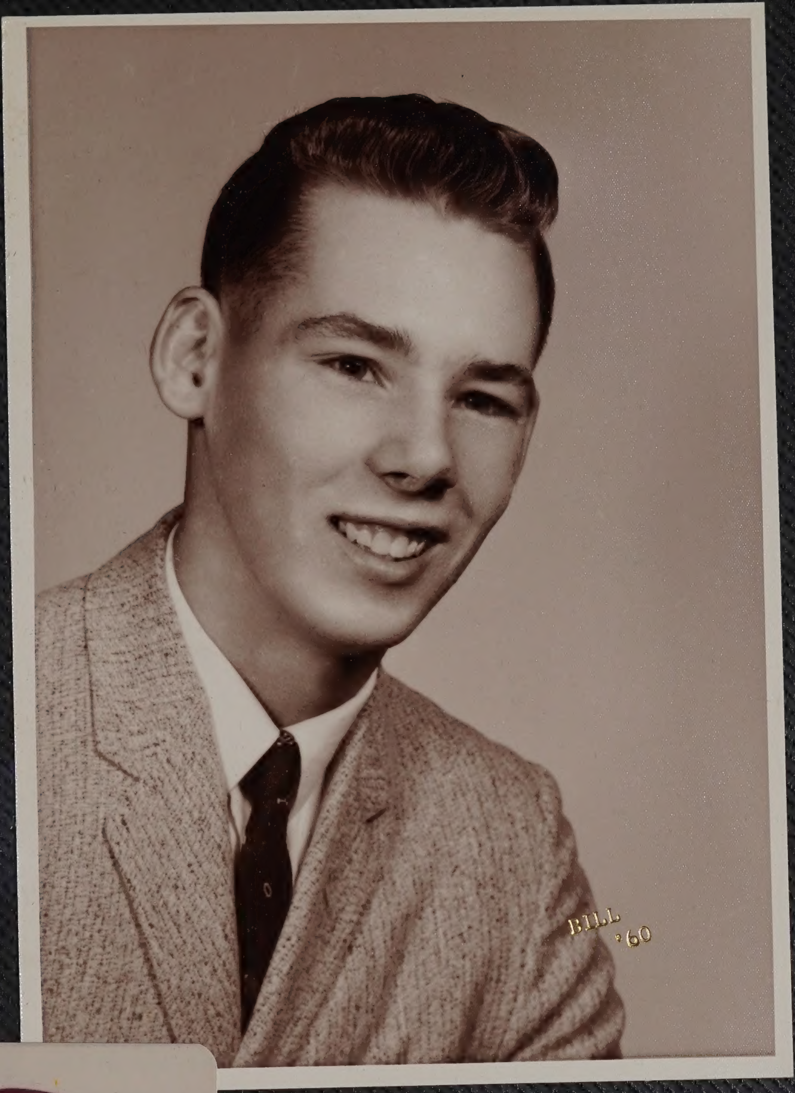
8-4 Colis a Ann Davis

1966 November 18

m1	Aaron Vierling	1985 May 11 1987 May 4 divorce
m2	Tom Carpenter	1987 May 9
m3	Robert Scott Boals b. 1971 May 18	1998 March 23

9-1	Cassie Ann Carpenter	1987 September 8
9-2	Ariel Lynn Carpenter	1991 June 8
9-3	Megan Delilah Boals	1998 September 3
9-4	Chase Anthony Boals	2001 March 23



William Stewart Davis
Bill

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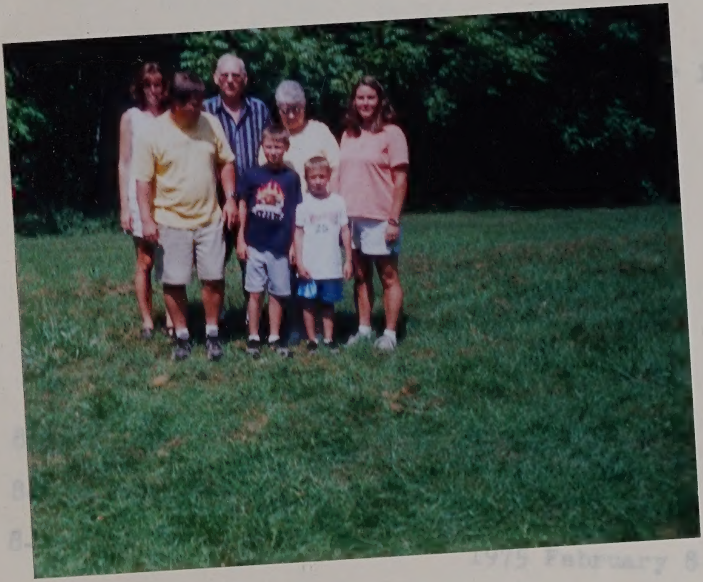
August 2005 Davis reunion

Bill abd Laura Davis family

Debatah Davis, Denise Mc Cosh, Joseph Mc Cosh, Kenton and Conner Mc Cosh, Bill and Laura Davis



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7-5 William Stewart Davis — US Army - Vietnam 1964 - 1966

1942 February 19 Latty Twp., Paulding County, OH

Laura Jean Mohr — 1966 November 12

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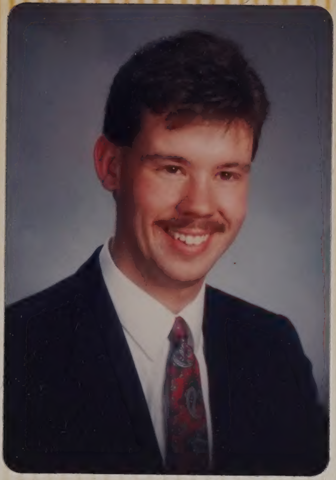
8-3 Denise Ann Davis — 1975 February 8



Brian Davis

William

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6-4 Mearl Connie Davis and Lucille Laura Armour
7-5 William Stewart Davis and Laura Jean Mohr

8-1 Brian William Davis
1969 April 24

Central Michigan U
Instructor

TEACHING 6TH GRADE
MATH. JONESVILLE, MI

Eastern Michigan U
MA Degree : Guidance & Counseling

Middle School Counselor
Zeeland, MI

1- John Dukes and Mary Haddox
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1972 August 4

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1975 February 18

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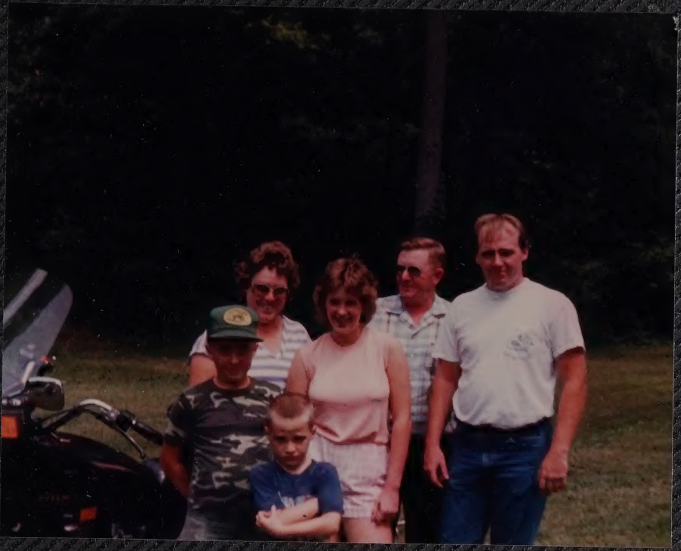
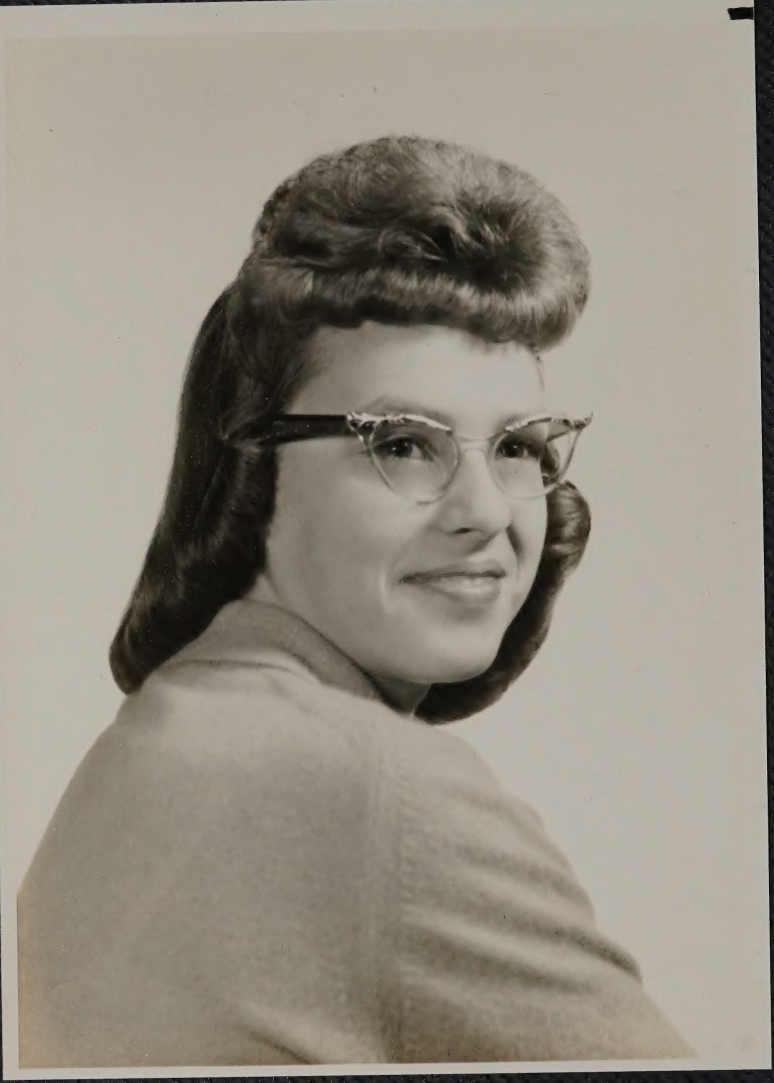
9-2 Conner Jacob Mc C osh 1999 February 3



Norma and Terry Kuster

Trent, Tammy and Tony
Terry   4 August 1985



Norma Davis

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Norma and Terry Kuster Family - 2005 August Reunion

Terry, Jr. Terry Sr., Norma, Steve and No Tammy Rieke, Trent Kuster, Makalya, Kaitlyn and Carman Rieke

1- John Dukes and Mary Haddox
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4-4 Lewis Davis and Catherine Hoskinson
5-5 Rolla L. Davis and Laura Delana Girod
6-4 Mearl Connie Davis and Lucille Laura Armour

7-6 Norma Marie Davis

1944 March 29

Terry Carman Kuster 1965 July 3

1940 May 10

8-1	Tony Dean Kuster	1965 December 15
8-2	Tammy Lyn Kuster	1970 April 6
8-3	Trent Alan Kuster	1974 June 19
8-4	Terry Lee Kuster	1979 April 18

Tony Kuster

Tony & Michelle
Kuster

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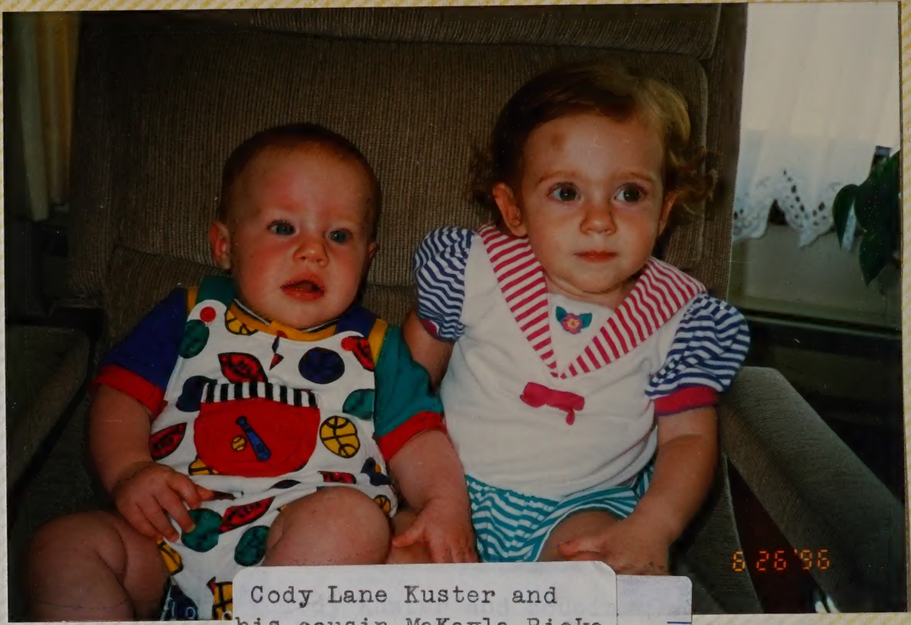

Cody Lane Kuster and
his cousin MaKayla Rieke
August 1996

Cody & McKayla w/
grandma Norma

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4-4 Lewis Davis and Catherine Hoskinson
5-5 Rolla L. Davis and Laura Delana Girod
6-4 Mearl Connie Davis and Lucille Laura Armour
7-6 Norma Marie Davis and Terry Kuster

8-1 Tony Dean Kuster Michigan State Police Officer

1965 December 15

m Michelle Sue Cranick 1992 June 20

1967 December 18

9-1 Cody Lane Kuster 1995October 13

9-2 Kaci Jordyn Kuster 1998 March 26

Tammy & Steve Rieke

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Kaitlyn Lucile Rieke

1999 August 1
Davis Reunion

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6-4 Mearl Connie Davis and Lucille Laura Armour
Norma Marie Davis and Terry Kuster

8-2 Tammy Lyn Kuster

1970 April 6

m. Theodore Steven Rieke 1992 December 12
1966 June 25

9-1 Makayla Marie Rieke 1995 February 19

9-2 Kaitlyn Lucile Rieke 1997 December 9

9-3 Carman Theodore 2001 April 22

Ohio car crash kills Michigan man

9-1-02

EDON, Ohio – A Michigan man died in a one-vehicle crash in Williams County early Sunday, the Ohio State Highway Patrol said.

Police believe high speed and alcohol played a role in the crash that killed Mark A. Vandyke, 27, of Jonesville, Mich. Vandyke was a passenger in a 2001 Chevrolet Camaro driven by Terry L. Kuster, 23, of Montgomery, Mich.

The Camaro was southbound on County Road 150 in Williams County about 1:40 a.m. Sunday, traveling at high speed when it crested a hill and went airborne, police said. The car slid off the roadway and struck a traffic sign and an embankment before flipping several times, reports said.

Kuster was ejected from the car. He was listed in serious condition Sunday after being flown to an area hospital.

Kuster had been consuming alcohol, and charges are pending, police said.

In Loving Memory of

Jimmy Joe Davis

Born
June 24, 1945
Paulding, Ohio

Passed Away
September 16, 1972
Redding Township, Clare County, Michigan

Funeral Services from
Camden United Methodist Church
Camden, Michigan

Time
1:30 P.M., (Michigan Time)
Wednesday, September 20, 1972
Camden, Michigan

Officiating
The Rev. Jack W. Bennett
Pastor of the First Baptist Church
Bryan, Ohio

The Rev. Doyle Clark
Pastor of the
New Hope United Brethren Church
Camden, Michigan

The Rev. Richard Huskey
Pastor of the
Camden United Methodist Church
Camden, Michigan

Final Resting Place
Brown Cemetery
Bryan, Ohio

Bearers

Relmond Allgire	Donald Krill
Max Blaine	Richard Mikels
Donald Eby	Boyd Moore

Graveside Military Rites will be conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2489, Bryan, Ohio

Services are in charge of the
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Funeral Directors
Bryan, Ohio

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Jimmy Davis

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5-5 Rolla L. Davis and Laura Girod
6-4 Mearl Connie Davis and Lucille Laura Armour

7-7 Jimmy Joe Davis US Navy - Vietnam ★
1945 June 24 Latty Twp., Paulding County, Ohio
1972 September 16 Clare County, Michigan
Burial: [redacted] Cemetery, Williams County, Ohio

Kay Ann Smith 1965 December 10

#2: Larry Shade

8-1 Walter Scott Davis 1970 November 12 Navy
8-2 Julie Kay Davis 1973 February 1
(children [redacted] by Shade)

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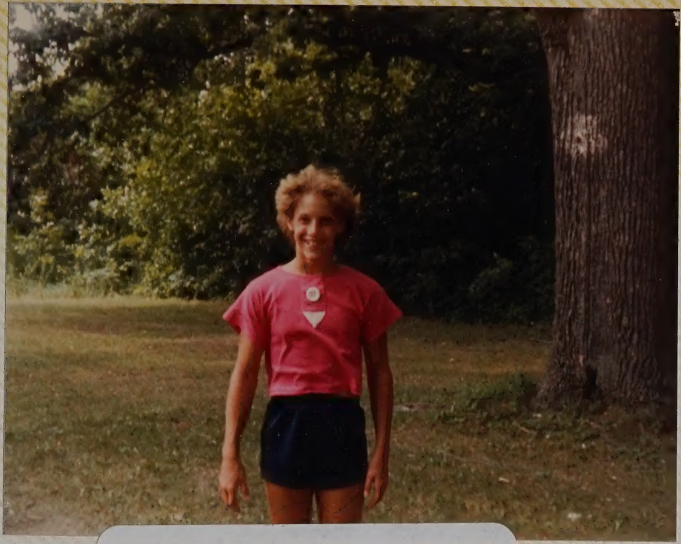

Julia Davis

4 August 1985

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1973 February 1

m. Benjamin Joseph Rosenbauer 1996 Arpil 13
Holgate, Ohio

1972 October 3

9-1 Nathan Joseph Rosenbauer 1997 June 13 10 lb 7 oz
20 1/2"

9-2 Joshua Michael Rosenbauer 1999 October 28

2000 February 24

(Werdnig-Hoffman - Spinal muscular atrophy, a neuro musuular disorder, caused by a recessive gene. Most diagnosised by 3 months but some can go until 6 mohths. Josua was diagnosised at 2 months and died at 4 months.)

402 Vine Street
archbold, Ohio 43502

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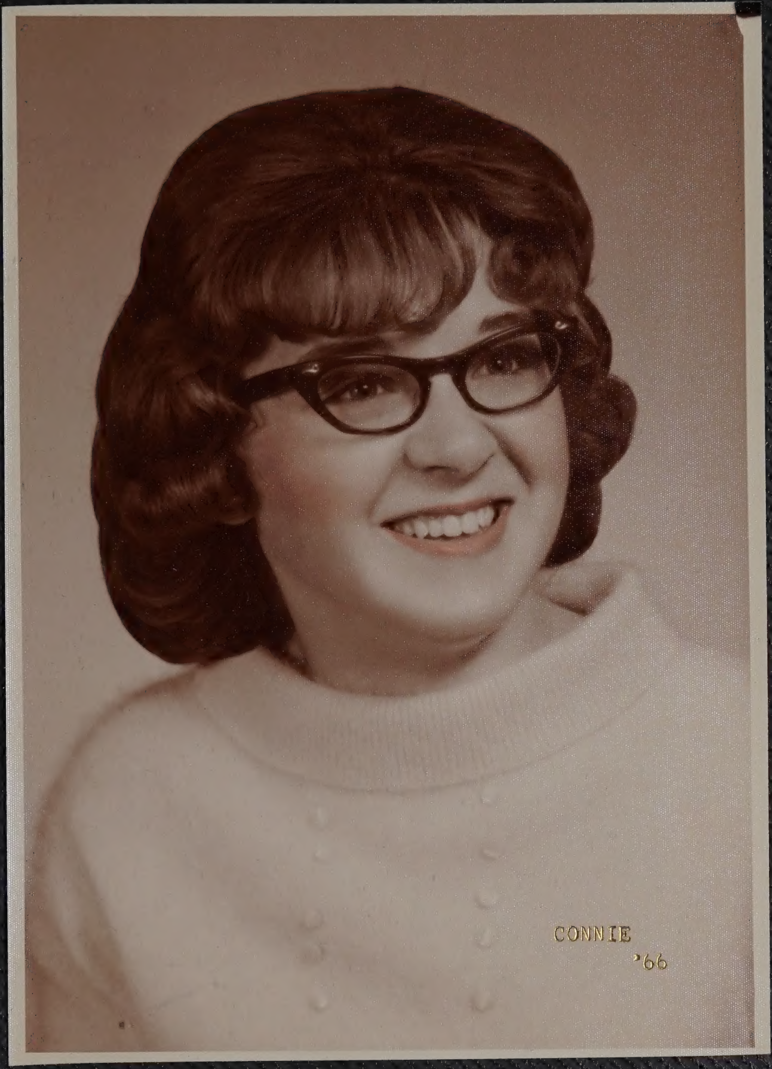

Connie Davis

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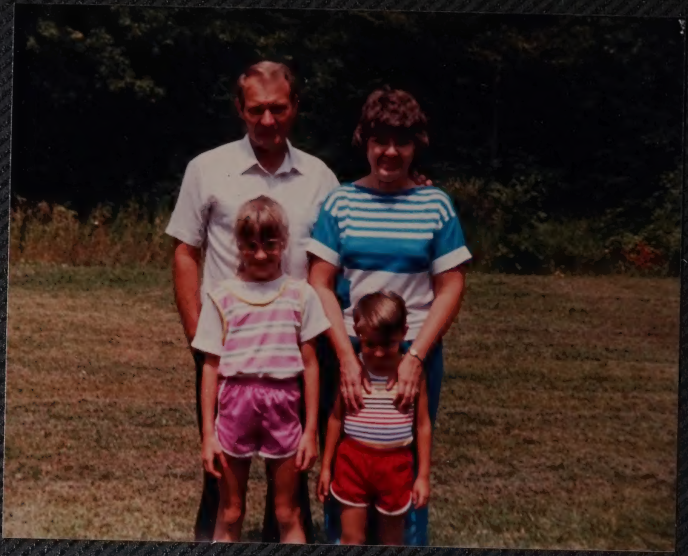

Steve and Connie
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Jennifer and Wesley
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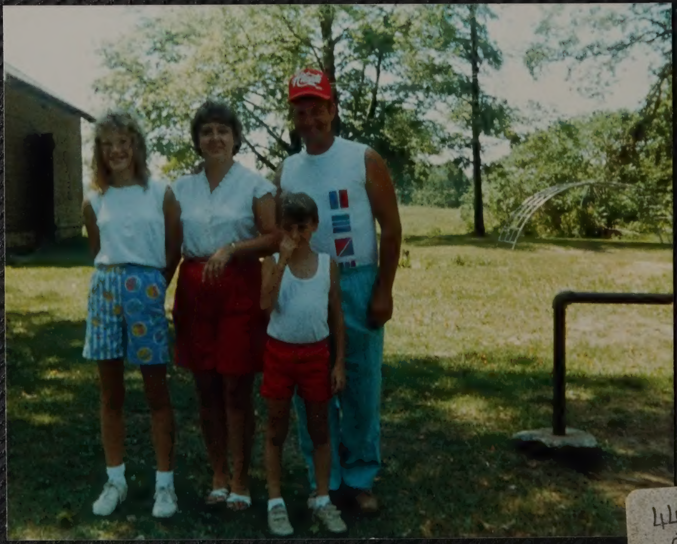

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August 2005 Reunion:

Connie and Steve Tressler Family

Jennifer Tressler Mangenten holding Rylee Tressler;
Wesley, Norma and Steve with grandchildren Piper, Wesley and Alexander.

Connie - Steve "V"
Wesley -Shana - Jennifer

1999 August 1

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7-8 Connie Lucille Davis

b. August 1, 1948 Ohio

d.

m. Steve ALLAN Tressler May 25, 1968

b.

d.

Parents: Virgil and Maxine Moreland Tressler

8-1 Jennifer MARIE Tressler January 26, 1977

8-2 Wesley Steven Tressler November 5, 1980

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6-4 Mearl Connie Davis and Laura Lucile Armour
7-8 Connie Lucile Davis and Steven Allan Tressler

8-1 Jennifer Marie Tressler RN

January 26, 1977

m. Gregory Scott Mangenten 2001 December 29

9-1 April 2006

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8-2 Wesley Steven Tressler

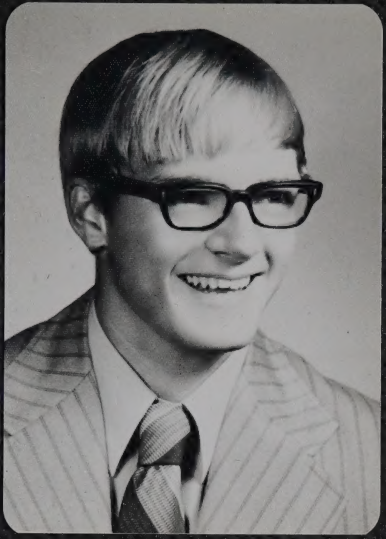
1980 November 5

US Army
2000 - 2002

m. Shanna Rae Dix 1999 June 22

1980 March 27

9-1 Piper Ann Tressler	1999 October 11
9-2 Wesley Allen Tressler	2001 August 6
9-3 Rylee Nicole Tressler	2003 January 17
9-4 Alexander Christopher	2004 January 22



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DeWayne Lemmon	Mark Reamer
Gary Morrison	Kenny Rothlisberger

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6-4 Mearl Connie Davis and Lucille Laura Armour

7-9 Marvin Mearl Davis

1954 March 30 Hillsdale, MI

1972 September 16 Clare County, MI
Burial: Frontier, MI

Pamela Preston 1972 July 1

1954 July 11

Deanna Jo Preston 1972 February 16
father Duane Reamer